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EUROPE.

THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

Spain.

PUBLIC MONUMENT TO CONCHA.

MADRID, June 30.—The Spanish government has resolved to erect a monument to General Concha.

LOSSES AT ESTELLA.

LONDON, June 30.—A special to the *Standard* reports the loss of the Republicans in their last attack on Estella at 800 killed and wounded.

DON CARLOS AT ESTELLA.

BAYONNE, June 30.—Don Carlos and his staff arrived at Estella, where they were received with great rejoicing.

SERRANO TAKES THE FIELD.

LONDON, July 1.—A special dispatch to the *Standard* says that Marshal Serrano has decided to take command of the Republican army immediately.

ARMY OF THE NORTH TO BE REORGANIZED.

MADRID, June 30.—Gen. Zaballa has arrived at Miranda. The Army of the North is falling back in good order, and will be rapidly reorganized. Reinforcements are arriving. General Loma has been placed in command of a division. It is reported that the Carlists have murdered many prisoners taken in the recent battles.

EIGHT HUNDRED REPUBLICAN PRISONERS.

BAYONNE, June 30.—The Carlists claim that 800 prisoners fell into their hands during the retreat of the Republicans after the battle of Muro.

England.

DEBATE ON DR. BUTTS' HOME RULE RESOLUTION.

LONDON, July 1.—In the House of Commons last evening, Dr. Butt moved his resolution in favor of home rule for Ireland. He maintained that home rule involved no disturbance of the principles of the Constitution. The Imperial Parliament, in which Ireland would still be represented, would have power to tax all the resources of Ireland as well, as of Great Britain, since the Union. Ireland had always been impoverished and dissatisfied. He acknowledged that efforts had been made to redress her grievances, but these had failed, and always would fail, because real liberty was denied. He appealed to the House to adopt his resolve as the only real remedy. By restoring its constitutional rights, content and prosperity would be established throughout the country.

The Attorney General for Ireland gave a decided and emphatic negative to all the propositions which Dr. Butt had advanced. The present proposal was infinitely more dangerous to the peace and prosperity of the [illegible] than a demand for the repeal of the Union. A constitution of [illegible] and Irish Parliaments was impracticable, particularly on questions of commerce and finance. The proposition would endanger the whole social and social fabric and the political constitution of both countries. It would be dangerous for England, but practically ruinous for Ireland. He regarded the agitation of the subject as mischievous and futile.

Viscount Crichton, member for Enniskillen said the people of Ulster were unanimous in the opinion that home rule was equivalent to civil war, and would inevitably result in the subjugation of Ireland to some foreign power hostile to England.

The Marquis of Hartington said the great bulk of Irishmen do not desire home rule. The question must be regarded from an imperial standpoint, and the House having charge of the imperial interests, must reject the motion, whatever be the effect upon the internal affairs of Ireland. No considerations could ever induce the Liberals to purchase Irish support by sacrificing the slightest interest of the empire. He felt sure that any coquetting with the question will immediately result in the complete disorganization of the Liberal party, and urged the cordial co-operation of all with England, instead of useless agitation of the question of a separate Parliament. The debate was adjourned until Thursday.

THE DIFFICULTY BETWEEN PERSIA AND TURKEY.

A dispatch to the *Standard* from Vienna says the British Ambassador at Constantinople has tendered his good offices as mediator between Persia and Turkey in the recently arisen complications. The Sublime Porte will send an army to the Persian frontier.

France.

M. ROUHER COMPROMISED.

PARIS, June 30.—*Le Soir* says that reports are in circulation in Versailles that papers have been discovered which compromise the most influential Bonapartist Deputy in the Assembly, and that that body will soon be asked to authorize his prosecution. The rumors are supposed to refer to M. Rouher.

Ireland.

HOME RULER ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT FROM GALWAY.

DUBLIN, June 30.—Ward, Home Ruler, has been elected to Parliament from Galway.

Marine News.

LIVERPOOL, June 30.—Steamships Batavia, The Queen and Victoria, from New York, and Circassian, from Montreal, arrived out.

MOVILLE, June 30.—Steamship Olympia, from New York, arrived.

European Markets.

LONDON, June 30, 5 P. M.—Consols for money, 92⅝@92¾; for account, 92¾@93; 5-20's, 1863 do 1867 108⅝; 10-40's, 105⅜; new 5s 104¾. New York Central 96; Erie 39@39½; do preferred 58. Sugar afloat 24s 9d@25s. Linseed 28s 3d. Turpentine 26s 9d@27s.

PARIS, June 30.—Rentes 59 francs 60 centimes.

FRANKFORT, June 30.—5-20's 1862, 97¾.

LIVERPOOL, June 30.—Cotton easier; middling upland 8⅝@8¾d; Orleans 8⅝d. Sales 10,000 bales; American 7,000. Speculation and export 2,000. Breadstuffs dull. California white wheat average 12s 9d@12s 6d; club 12s 7d@12s 10d; red western spring 11s 3d@11s 6d; red winter 12s@12s 2d. Corn 28s 9d. Pork 67s 6d. Lard 51s 9d. Cheese 68s. Tallow 39s 6d.

POLITICAL.

State.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS IN SOMERSET COUNTY.

SOMERSET, PA., June 30, 1874.

The Republican county nominees are as follows: Congress, W. H. Koonbe; Senate, E. D. Yutsy; Legislature, William Endsley and Joseph D. Miller; District Attorney, James L. Hugh; Commissioner, O. W. Boyer.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

KITTANNING, PA., June 30, 1874.

The Republicans of this county to-day nominated the following ticket: President Judge, John V. Painter; Congress, Joseph G. Beale; Senate, Col. S. M. Jackson; Assembly, Robert Thompson and Dr. J. A. Hunter; Commissioner, Brice Henderson; Auditor, J. R. Wright; County Surveyor, R. S. Staymaker.

Illinois.

STATE PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., June 30.—The State Prohibition Convention met here to-day. About seventy-five delegates, including twenty women, and representing most of the larger towns in the State, were present. D. L. Bunn, of Decatur, was permanent President, and Rev. J. S. Kost Secretary. Resolutions were adopted which, besides the temperance utterances, advocated woman suffrage, the substitution of greenbacks for national bank currency, a return to specie payments as soon as compatible with the safety and interest of a majority of the people, low salaries and the honest administration of public affairs.

Major John Little, of Christian county, was nominated for State Treasurer, and Mrs. Annie P. Willing, Professor in the Wesleyan University of this city, for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Probabilities for To-day—For the Middle States, generally clear weather will prevail, with variable winds, a slight fall of temperature and rising barometer. For the Ohio Valley, partly cloudy and continued warm weather, with light or gentle winds and rising barometer. For the Lake Region, partly cloudy weather and continued low temperature, east or south winds and stationary or falling barometer.

There was a heavy fall of snow on Cape Breton Island, yesterday.

Base ball—At Brantford, Ont., Bostons 9, Maple Leafs 6. At New York, Mutuals 8, Chicagos, 2.

Ex-Governor Clark has accepted the nomination of the Prohibition party for Governor of New York.

The steamers Europa and Sidonian, from Glasgow, and Spain, from Liverpool, have arrived at New York.

Captain W. J. C. Anderson, of Wheeling, and others connected with the steamer Virginia, died yesterday at Cranberry Island, Virginia.

Chester A. Arthur has been appointed President of the St. Louis, Kansas City & Northern Railroad. Vice President Reed resigned.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will extend its avenue, preparatory to the location by the Railroad Company satisfactorily.

THE UNIVERSITY EXCURSIONISTS.

Inspection of Mammoth Cave--Disposition of the Party for the Night--Programme for the Future.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

LOUISVILLE, KY., June 30, 1874.

The University excursionists made the short tour of Mammoth Cave on Monday, and the long one yesterday (Tuesday). These parties are at the Galt House for the night: Bailey, Cole, Crane, Duncan, Forner, Goff, Johns, McMasters, Rohrbacher, Stevenson and Shaffer. These are still at the cave: Cochrane, Harper, Miss Harbaugh, Miss Kramer, Koethen, Kinzer, Neely, Osborn, Reinman, Scully, Sterrett, J. N. Smith, Taylor and J. N. White. Henderson, and probably some of those still at the cave, go to the railroad bridge celebration on the Fourth, at St. Louis. Swartzwelder and Travelli are running directly through to Pittsburgh. The rest of the party reach the Merchants Hotel, at Cincinnati, to-morrow morning, where they will remain for a day or two. The trip has been a most delightful one.

WOOSTER, O.

Scientific Expedition to Colorado---Its Objects, Route and Destination.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WOOSTER, O., June 30, 1874.

The scientific expedition of students to Colorado, sent out under the auspices of the University of Wooster, started West at eight o'clock this evening. The expedition is under the immediate direction of Dr. O. N. Stoddard, Professor of Natural Sciences in the University. The party goes directly to Denver, after which they will visit Pikes Peak, the head waters of the Arkansas, South, and probably Middle parks, collecting specimens of geological and natural history for the University. Among its prominent members are Prof. Adney, of Washington and Jefferson College, Prof. S. T. Boyd, of the Savannah Institute, Prof. S. R. Bell, of Wooster University, Rev. Mr. Carpenter, of Washington Court House, Wm. A. West, son of Judge West, of Bellefontaine, and Mr. Murray, son of Dr. Murray, of New York.

FORT WAYNE.

The Democratic Convention To-Day--Six Candidates for Congressional Nomination--Pool Selling for the Race.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

FORT WAYNE, IND., June 30, 1874.

Delegates to the Democratic Congressional Convention, which will be held here to-morrow, are pouring in from all parts of the district, and the prospects for lively work are encouraging. There are six candidates in the field, viz.: Walpole Colerick, A. H. Hamilton, Robert Lowry and Allen Pollars, of this city; James R. Bobo, of Adams, and L. P. Milligan, of Huntingdon. Hamilton and Colerick seem to be on an equal footing, and will probably run close. The others appear to be in the back ground.

Quite an exciting and amusing spectacle took place this evening on the Aveline House. Pools were selling on the nomination for Congressmen by the convention. Hamilton was first choice, and sold for three dollars. The police stopped the proceedings just in the highest stage of the excitement.

MARIETTA.

Arrest of Five Alleged Murderers---Commencement at the College.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

MARIETTA, O., June 30, 1874.

The Sheriff, with about forty assistants, left here last night for the purpose of arresting the parties charged with killing negroes on the Baltimore Short Line Railroad last Sunday. They returned this evening, bringing five prisoners with them. The examination of the prisoners will take place to-morrow.

The Commencement exercises at Marietta College are in progress. The event has attracted a large number of visitors from all parts of the country.

BUCYRUS, O.

A California Father Gets Possession of His Child.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

BUCYRUS, O., June 30, 1874.

A case has been going on in the Probate Court for four days, to get possession of Lilly Abbieden Allen, daughter of William Allen, of San Francisco. It was alleged that the child was detained from the custody of her father and restained of her liberty by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wire, of Crestline, O. Last night the Court decided the case, decreeing the custody of the child to the father.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, June 30, 1874.

THE ACHENESE WAR—COMPLETE ANNIHILATION OF THE DUTCH.

A letter from the Coast of Sumatra, under date of April 10, states that the Achenese, on the night of March 20, made an attack on the Dutch fort, captured it, and overwhelmed the garrison. The loss of the Dutch is placed at one thousand killed and forty-five hundred wounded, the greater number being laborers employed to work on the fort and colonists residing outside. Eight ships were required for the wounded, whom the Malay chiefs permitted to be removed from the shore, as much to embarrass the navy as to do an act of humanity. The letter adds: "The news of the complete annihilation of this second Dutch expedition is known in official circles at Singapore and purposely withheld from the press."

DECREASE IN IMMIGRATION—LARGE INVOICES OF IRISH HOUSEKEEPERS.

The decrease of immigration for the first six months of 1874 shows a falling off of twenty to about fifty per cent., compared with the corresponding months in 1873. The difference is chiefly seen in the German element. In the six months of the present year over 82,000 immigrants arrived. An unusually large proportion go directly to the Western States. Several of the steamships recently arriving have been almost exclusively filled with young Irish women, who come for the express purpose of hiring out as housekeepers, and accordingly have distributed themselves in part through New York city, but still more largely over the Eastern States.

AUTHENTICITY OF BEECHER'S HUMBLE APOLOGY.

Theodore Tilton has said to a reporter in reference to Beecher's letter asking his forgiveness: "The letter is in Beecher's handwriting, and bears his autograph, which will pass current in any bank in New York. It was written and dictated by him and came to me by the hand of a friend, as unsolicited as your visit is to me now."

Theodore Tilton, in an interview to-day, spoke as follows, in referring to Mr. Beecher's letter of apology: "The letter was every word of it Mr. Beecher's own composition, signed by himself, in his own behalf. I did not demand this apology. The fact that it was sent to me unasked, always added to the reluctance with which I subsequently contemplated making my defense against Beecher's injurious course, by which he permitted his church to indict me before the council, and by which the church and council, together with Dr. Bacon superadded, have fallen upon me like a millstone to crush me to powder. The remainder of his letter bore more heavily upon him than the portion which I quoted. Had I printed the whole, his friend Tracy would not have said 'I am glad of Tilton's publication.'"

Reporter—Many persons believe that the latter part of the letter would have explained away the first part.

Mr. Tilton—If so, then Mr. Beecher is entitled to have it published. It is in his power to publish it at any moment.

Reporter—Has he a copy of it?

Mr. Tilton—I presume he retained one, but if he did not he has only to ask me for a copy and he shall have it.

A LAWYER SHOT IN THE COURT ROOM.

A special dispatch to the *Sun* reports that James P. Saunders, a prominent lawyer, was fatally shot in the city court room at Yonkers this afternoon, by Lochman, a gardener, who was defendant in a case he was trying. Saunders is Past Grand Sire of Odd Fellows. The assassin was arrested.

Third Assistant Postmaster General.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

CAMBRIDGE, O., June 30, 1874.

Colonel James W. Barnes, a protege of Postmaster General Hale, and author of a poem on Mr. Hale's Sumner censure resolution, has been appointed Third Assistant Postmaster General. Colonel Barnes has already gone to Washington to assume the duties of his office.

The Edgar Stewart.

BALTIMORE, June 30.—Judge Giles has decided that F. W. Fiskwick, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, was the owner of the alleged filibuster steamer Edgar Stewart. The vessel has been appraised at $23,000, and when bonded in that amount will be released. The libel case will be tried at the September term of the United States Court.

SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

THE AGRICULTURAL REPORTS.

Fearful Danger of their Failing Us this Year.

Mr. Creswell Addresses His Clerks.

What He Thinks of His Official Conduct.

Butler Under Way for a Gubernatorial Nomination.

Commissioner Johnson to Visit New York Instead of Erie.

Tears of the Discharged Female Clerks.

Return of the President from His Southern Tour.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 30, 1874.

Printing the Agricultural Reports.

A difficulty seems to exist in the way of the publication of the Agricultural Reports, notwithstanding the favorable action of Congress. An appropriation of fifty thousand dollars was made for printing the reports of the last two years. The appropriation was made in favor of the Agricultural Bureau, instead of the Government Printing Office. Unless the Secretary of the Treasury consents to a transfer of the amount, the printing cannot be done. The report for 1872 has been stereotyped, but nothing has been done on 1873. As the cost will be about fifty cents a volume, it will be seen that the edition, at best, will be small—say one hundred thousand copies, in place of three times that number formerly printed. To show the inconsistency of legislation it may be stated that twenty-five thousand dollars, or half the whole amount, was appropriated to fold these books for the mail.

Employees of Government Printing Office.

The amount of work on hand and the applications made for leaves of absence during the summer, will obviate the usual reduction of force in the Government printing office, at least until late in the fall.

Commissioner Johnson.

Instead of visiting Erie as stated, will leave for New York to-night, in connection with affairs at the custom house at that port.

Revision of the Laws.

A large number of clerks are now engaged at the Department of State in indexing the new revision of the laws. It is designed to press the work to completion at the earliest moment, and the distribution will be made under the act of Congress passed for that purpose.

Mr. Creswell and His Opinion of Himself.

Postmaster General Creswell was to-day presented by the clerks in his department with a series of resolutions complimenting him for his management of the office and expressing regret at his resignation. Mr. Creswell responded in a brief speech, in the course of which he said that his resignation was entirely voluntary and against the wish of the President and all the members of the Cabinet. In the five years of his administration, charges and accusations had been made against him, but he had always met his accusers face to face, and he added that he would never have voluntarily left the office if he had not met and refuted all the accusations of official misconduct.

Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

It is rumored here that several more of the Massachusetts Representatives will follow the example of Messrs. Dawes and Hoar and decline a re-election. The effect of this, it is said, will be to strengthen Butler in his gubernatorial canvass. Butler and his friends have already commenced active operations for the ensuing campaign.

The Discharged Female Clerks.

Some of the female Treasury clerks, who were discharged to-day, shed tears freely, and their unfortunate condition excited much commiseration.

Return of the President.

President Grant and the friends who accompanied him on his Southern tour, arrived here this evening. He will leave for Long Branch the last of the week.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 30, 1874.

DISMISSING THE CLERKS—THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE LADIES LEAVE IN ONE BATCH—FOURTEEN PAINT AWAY AT THE DREAD ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Treasury Department employees were considerably agitated to-day, in view of the anticipated reduction of force. The ladies were particularly disturbed, and collected in groups in various parts of the building, discussing the subject. This morning, the heads of all bureaux handed to Secretary Bristow, lists of those to be dismissed. The heaviest discharge was in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the services of three hundred and seventy-five female employees being dispensed with, leaving twelve hundred persons still employed in that bureau. The scene of dismissal was marked by sadness. Fourteen of those discharged fainted when the announcement was made to them, and physicians were called to their assistance. Forty clerks were dismissed from the Second Auditor's office, and other discharges will be made to-morrow. It is recommended by the officers of the bureau that only one of a family be retained, and this recommendation was generally followed. This wholesale discharge will cause much suffering, which, however, will be somewhat alleviated by the payment of two months extra salary to every victim of Congressional economy. About twenty-five permanent, and the same number of temporary, clerks were discharged in the Interior Department. This includes the contraction of force in the Patent Office, the appropriation for that bureau having been reduced twenty thousand dollars. The Commissioner has accomodated his business to circumstances, although he shows that the government will loss largely by the curtailment of expenditures.

POSTAL CHANGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Offices established—Canby, Columbia county, Wm. Miller, Postmaster; Wallisversville, Columbia county, Geo. Cavenee, Postmaster. Name changed—Moorhead, Allegheny county, to Bridgeville. Office discontinued—Melvy, Washington county. Postmasters appointed—Wm. Wagoner, Delaware, Grove, Bucks county; Wm. H. McCully, Foster's Mills, Armstrong county; Wm. P. Lashley, Green Point, Bedford county; Reuben W. Schoerer, Lyon's Station, Berks county; Jos. W. Travis, Phœnix, Armstrong county; Chas. W. Stine, Pleasant Gap, Center county; Daniel Baum, Temple, Berks county.

THE VIRGINIUS AFFAIR—DEMAND OF OUR GOVERNMENT UPON SPAIN FOR INDEMNITY.

Mr. Cushing, United States Minister to Spain, has made a peremptory demand upon the Spanish government for full indemnity for the Virginius prisoners slain by order of General Burriel and for consequential damages. Secretary Fish says that the American government has made a prompt demand, and one quite as decided and peremptory as that made by the British government for indemnity for the lives of prisoners destroyed and loss to their families. He says the demand for indemnity was in accordance with the protocol concerning the settlement of the Virginius affair, apart from the duty imposed upon the Government to claim satisfaction for such wrongs.

FIRE RECORD.

Valparaiso, Ind.—$8,000.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

VALPARAISO, IND., June 30, 1874.

About one o'clock this morning, a fire broke out in the rear of the American House, located near the depot. The American and the adjoining hotel kept by L. M. Liedman, were entirely consumed. The total loss is $8,000; insurance light. It was only by the greatest exertion on the part of the firemen that the railroad Eating house and passenger depot were saved. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Steubenville--$5,000.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

STEUBENVILLE, O., June 30, 1874.

About twelve o'clock last night, a fire broke out in a nest of old stables in the alley between Fifth and Sixth streets, south of Market. The flames spread very rapidly, and fears were entertained that a general conflagration would follow. The fire department arrived promptly, and went to work with a will, and soon got the fire under control. Four dwellings were partially and six stables wholly destroyed. The loss is about $5,000; partially insured. It is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Dealers Beware

of brands of flour represented by traveling men as being the same as my *Great White River*. The commission they get for their orders amount to a dealer's profit. T. C. Jenkins.

THE WEATHER.

Monthly Bulletin.

WAR DEPARTMENT, SIGNAL SERVICE, U. S. A., DIVISION OF TELEGRAMS AND REPORTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF COMMERCE, PITTSBURGH, June 30, 1874.

Table Showing the Daily and Monthly Mean of Barometer and Temperature, and Relative Humidity of the Atmosphere, with the Prevailing Direction of Wind and Amount of Rain-fall, for the month of June, 1874:

DATE.	Daily Mean Bar.	Daily Mean Tem.	Daily Mean Hum.	Pre'g Dir. of Wind	Daily Rain-fall.
June 1	29.875	61.0	55.0	N. W.	.....
June 2	29.087	66.0	46.7	E.	.....
June 3	29.925	61.5	82.2	S. E	.....
June 4	29.597	68.0	70.0	N. W.	.....
June 5	29.885	75.5	67.7	S.	.20
June 6	29.853	76.7	74.7	S.	.12
June 7	29.750	80.7	67.0	S. W.	.....
June 8	29.752	80.7	65.0	S. W.	.....
June 9	29.967	80.5	74.7	S.	.05
June 10	29.932	78.0	64.7	N.	.....
June 11	29.780	73.5	74.0	N.	.20
June 12	29.912	69.5	84.2	N. W.	.....
June 13	30.232	59.7	54.7	N. W.	.....
June 14	30.242	64.0	58.2	N. E.	.....
June 15	30.075	74.2	57.5	S.	.....
June 16	29.912	69.5	77.0	S. W.	.28
June 17	29.957	68.7	70.5	S. W.	.43
June 18	30.042	71.5	55.7	N. W.	.....
June 19	30.110	68.7	60.0	N. W.	.....
June 20	30.072	75.0	56.2	N. W.	.....
June 21	30.070	75.7	61.7	N.	.....
June 22	30.040	77.8	67.2	N. W.	.....
June 23	29.962	82.0	60.0	N. W.	.....
June 24	30.017	80.0	52.2	N. W.	.....
June 25	29.967	73.7	74.5	N. W.	.....
June 26	29.947	75.5	73.5	N. W.	.....
June 27	29.830	74.0	75.7	N. W.	.....
June 28	29.620	84.2	58.2	S. W.	.....
June 29	29.752	80.7	47.5	S. W.	.....
June 30	29.980	77.0	52.5	N.	.....
Means.	29.935	73.9	62.6		1.84

Highest barometer, 30.319; lowest barometer, 29.595; range .726.

Highest temperature, 98°; lowest temperature, 54°; difference 44°.

Prevailing direction of wind, northwest.

Greatest velocity of wind, 16 miles per hour; from number of miles, 4,709.

Number of clear days, 4; cloudy days, 4. Number of days on which rain fell, 7.

GEO. H. ROHR,
Observer, Signal Service, U. S. A.

CASUALTIES.

Boiler Explosion in Michigan—Four Killed and Several Wounded.

DETROIT, June 30.—Two of the five boilers in the extensive saw mill and salt block of Thomas Sayler & Co., at Carrollton, Michigan, exploded at six o'clock this morning with a terrible force. The following were instantly killed: Joseph Tudsen (married), Benjamin Chapman (married), John Peck and George Watson, who leaves a wife and three children. The wounded are William Audinett, a lad of eighteen, who is dying, C. Cleveland, scalded and bruised, (will recover), F. Walter, arm broken, Coney Davis, ankle sprained.

A Lady Killed by a Honey-Bee.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

PIERCETON, IND., June 30, 1874.

Mrs. Minser, a lady in her 87th year, while sitting in her house this evening was stung on the neck by a honey-bee, which caused her death in less than twenty minutes afterward.

A Miner Fatally Injured.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

CAMBRIDGE CITY, IND., June 30, 1874.

Nelson Hill was fatally injured last night at Scott's mines, by jumping from a freight train.

CRIMINAL RECORD.

Suicide in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—William L. Heover, a well known citizen, committed suicide at the Cosmopolitan Hotel last night by shooting himself through the head.

Suicide of a Steubenville Shoemaker.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

STEUBENVILLE, O., June 30, 1874.

James Green, a shoemaker residing on North Third street, left home yesterday afternoon without stating where he was going, and nothing more was seen of him until this afternoon, when his body was found hanging in the woods a short distance below the Pan Handle bridge. No cause can be assigned for the rash act.

Suicide from the Steamer Mallie Ragon.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

BALTIMORE, June 30, 1874.

An insane woman, named Greton, jumped overboard from the steamer Mallie Ragon, near Fishing creek, West Virginia, last night, and was drowned. The body has not yet been found. Her home was near Rush Run, Ohio.

RIOT AT A CHURCH.

Disgraceful Disturbance at Muddy Creek, Lancaster County, on Sunday—Two Consecrations Attack Each Other with Fence-Palings—A Minister Ejected from the Church Yard.

[From the Reading Eagle, June 29.]

Yesterday there was a most disgraceful scene enacted at the Muddy Creek church, one mile from Adamstown, Lancaster county, in which nearly a hundred male members of the Lutheran and Reformed congregations took part. A preacher was bodily carried off the grounds, the palings of the fence were torn off and used as weapons, fists were freely used, and a general riot prevailed, during which a number of men were fearfully beaten. A reliable eye witness from this city who returned to Reading last evening, gives the particulars as fallows: The Muddy Creek church has always been recognized as a Union Church, and used by the Lutheran and Reformed congregations. They met there alternately. Some time ago a majority of the Lutheran denomination from some cause or other saw fit to agitate the question of obtaining a charter. Others opposed it on the ground that they had no right to have a incorporated as a Lutheran church, when it was not so, but was a Union church. A majority, however, decided to get a charter, which they did, and there immediately arose a discord and disagreement; the minority among the Lutherans being aided and abetted by the Reformed congregation, who, it is said, had not been made aware of the proceedings until it was too late.

Yesterday was the first Sunday under the new charter, and it was proposed to hold Lutheran services. The anti-charter party, together with the Reformed, mustered all their forces in front of the church at an early hour, and determined that no such services should be held. The charter party arrived, but did not enter the church. Matters appeared very forboding, but when the Rev. Mr. Henry, the Lutheran pastor, arrived, it was thought the services would be allowed to proceed. The reverend gentleman, in the name of the Lord, asked that no disturbance should take place, and he walked toward the church door. Seeing this, the crowd of anti-charterites closed in on the preacher and carried him bodily outside of the gates. Then a Mr. Pennypacker endeavored to enter the church, and he in turn was roughly handled. This incited the charter party who rushed to the fences, tore off the palings, and then commenced an onslaught. The fight continued for some time, until two constables arrived and quelled the riot. At one time the melee is described to have been terrible, many men having been severely and roughly used and beaten. The affair caused great excitement in the entire neighborhood. The charter party are equally determined that no services shall be held by the Reformed and anti-charter party. The above are all the particulars at hand.

A Fresh Book.

High Church Episcopacy; its Origin, Characteristics and Fruits, is the title of a little volume just published by R. S. Davis & Co., No. 175 Liberty street. Its author is the Rev. Dr. William Aunan, well known to the public by former works of a polemical character. Dr. Annan is a clear and conclusive writer, who likes to deal hard blows, and well knows how to deal them. With the lapse of years he has lost neither the will nor the skill, and persons who relish controversial writing can hardly fail to find entertainment in this his last book, whether they agree with the author's theological opinions or not. Some may even find it a refreshing book for the hot weather.

Rev. Dr. Welles, of Red Wing Minnesota, has concluded to accept the Bishopric of Wisconsin, to which he was elected by the recent convention in Milwaukee. He is a High Churchman, but is not wholly satisfied of the expediency of a high ritual.

As will be remembered Edward Holt, an inmate of the County Poor House, was recently killed by falling out of one the windows of the building. His daughter, a young girl of sixteen years, has been left with a farmer named Hodge, near the Poor Farm, and she is reported to have received information that from $7,000 to $8,000 has been left her by her grandfather, in Ireland. Steps are being taken to secure the money for her.

Some of the stolen goods found in the possession of Louis Bell, the colored man recently arrested, have been identified by Mr. Bryan, wholesale liquor dealer, whose establishment has been robbed on two different occasions recently. Mr. O. S. Voak also identified a number of books and a trunk, which were stolen from Caperton's eating house some time since. Three informations for larceny have been made against Bell, and he is held for bail on all.

Inducements for Cash.

Twenty-five barrels of *Great White River Flour* and one per cent. discount on *Sugars, Roast Coffees, Syrups, Tobaccos, Cheese*, and all kinds of *Groceries*, if paid within ten days from date of bills, at the *Checkered Front*. T. C. Jenkins.

THE Great White River Flour is now being made under a new patent, and is giving general satisfaction. It is now the leading brand in this market. Every dealer should keep it.

THE HUNTER WELL.

Alleged Conspiracy to Defraud--A Singular Contract.

Dr. W. G. Hunter, of this city, and Mr. G. W. McEowen, of Titusville, were arrested on complaint of Mr. John C. Leonard, on Sunday last, at Titusville, to answer a charge of conspiracy to defraud Leonard of his interest in the Hunter well. A great deal of testimony has been taken, but at last accounts the magistrate had not given a decision. Leonard's testimony was to the effect that after the well had been put down, Hunter and McEowen, his partners, kept him in the dark as to its value, reported it "a dry hole," and finally prevailed on him to sell his interest for $2,000—parties in the East, as alleged, having agreed to pay $6,000 for the property as it stood.

W. D. Archbold was next called, and testified: I know McEowen and Hunter; they agreed with me to make the Hunter well a dry hole; the contract was in writing; Dr. Hunter asked me for a dispatch that came to me signed by my brother John; the messenger boy delivered me that message; the first inquiry about this transaction came from New York; what I gave to Hunter was only a part of my dispatch; Hunter said he was negotiating with Leonard; the telegram read: "Will take it at $6,000 and one acre in fee simple." I never heard McEowen say that he had gone out of the concern; I told Hunter that I was acting for other parties; he never told me the result of showing the telegram to Leonard; he was in a great hurry when I gave him the copy of part of my message; the Hunter well was reported dry; my own opinion was that it was dry; I put the contract in my safe on Saturday night last, but I cannot get into it; neither Hunter nor McEowen have spoken to me on the subject for months past; my safe would not open with the key; I pushed it in all right; Hunter said that Leonard was addicted to drinking, and he was not to be trusted; this was before the contract was made; there must be two or three copies of this contract in existence.

The following copy of contract was then handed to witness, which he acknowledged to be a correct copy:

Office of W. D. Archbold, commission merchant in crude and refined petroleum.

TITUSVILLE, ——, 187.

This agreement, made March 16th 1874, is entered into between Hunter & McEowen and W. D. Archbold, as follows: Forty thousand dollars to be furnished to Hunter & McEowen by W. D. Archbold within fifteen days. This money to be replaced out of the profits of transactions on oil contracts; the Hunter well to be made dry and abandoned until July 4th, 1874. Fifty thousand barrels or more oil to be bought in form of options, of which Hunter & McEowen are to have one-third the profits net, less by such transaction after prepayment of $2,000, referred to above, to be paid out of general fund before division of profits. One hundred dollars paid on above to-day as per receipt herewith.

W. D. ARCHBOLD,
C. G. MCEOWEN,
W. G. HUNTER.

Mr. Leonard was recalled, and testified that he was a partner up to March 27th. He did not know when the well started up. He considered they were getting more than it was worth as a dry hole.

Mr. Shank testified that the well was doing 200 barrels a day, and worth $50,000.

For the defence, Mr. Hunter was called and testified as follows: Know J. C. Leonard; I signed in writing to sell him an interest in five acres on the McGinley farm that contains all the agreement I had with him, had no agreement with him outside of this; this is the only paper I had with Leonard; some time in the fall Leonard and I went down the river talked of buying the Maloney farm; Bell wanted me to advance the money; told him I would not; I afterwards bought five acres on the McGinley farm; saw McEowen and told him what I had done, and he said he would take a one-half interest but afterwards took a one-third interest, and Leonard a one-third interest; Leonard looked the matter over; this was in September; we were as deep as I thought we would have to go; while drilling the well, Satterfield came to me and wanted the McGinley farm; Leonard and McEowen placed it so that I could sell it to him for $20,000; struck a gas vein, and he would not take it; came up to Titusville; while here learned he could make an arrangement to get out of the well; we were offered $5,000; the well was in pebble rock, drilled through that into slate; Leonard was gone a few days about this time; I wanted to settle up; told McEowen and Leonard to look over the statements, and if they wanted to go deep to settle and then he would go ahead; Leonard said he had no money; told him I could manage it so we could get out of it; saw W. D. Archbold; asked him if he could do what he said he could; told me he could raise money to get in or out of it; I came right back and concluded an arrangement with McEowen and Leonard; only object was to protect Leonard and myself; Leonard told me he could not go on; had no money; purchased Leonard's interest for $2,000; bought McEowen's interest; was to have the benefit of contract with it; sold; made this agreement in anticipation of manipulating the well so I could get my money out of it; stopped drilling about the 25th of March; was idle until the 10th or May; after that I left for Pittsburgh and nothing was done until April 30th; told McEowen I could not raise the money, and he had better take his interest and he had better see Leonard and tell him he could have his interest back if he would get the $2,000; said he could get $1,200; told him to get the money, and we would average it at the Parshall House; told Leonard to get the man over here; he could have the interest; he said, "Doctor, I don't believe you cheated me;" next I saw Leonard and Rouse at Pittsburgh; Rouse was on my steps; Leonard tendered me $2,000; he says, tell me whether you will take it or not; Rouse read his warrant; told Leonard this had nothing to do with the interest; that this was a criminal act; if we were guilty we must abide the consequences; never had any agreement with McEowen in regard to our buying Leonard's interest; came up to settle; King was there; if McEowen and Grumbine were there told McEowen to send to Leonard and tell him that he could have his interest; never had any agreement with anybody for the purpose of defrauding Leonard.

Mr. McEowen and others were called and corroborated Hunter's statement.

The magistrate was expected to give his decision yesterday.

THE CITY PAY ROLL.

Further Returns from Departments.

The following reports of heads of departments regarding the number of employees and the salaries paid to each, have been submitted, in answer to the resolution of Council in addition to those already published:

MECHANICAL ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Joseph L. Lowry, Mechanical Engineer of the new Water Works, makes the following report:

One assistant mechanical engineer	$2,000 00
One superintendent of new engine house per month	100 00
One inspector machinery, per month	100 00
One draughtsman per month	100 00
One clerk, per month	100 00
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CLA... numbers of ex-clerks in the Post-...department are now turning their ...on the national capital, singing "Ma...and, my Maryland," subduedly and in a minor key.

YESTERDAY the Prohibitionists of Illinois held a State Convention—an election for members of a Convention to revise the State Constitution took place in Arkansas—and to-day the Republican State Convention of Iowa assembles.

THE July disbursements, which commence to-day, and the bulk of which will be made during the present week, will amount to about sixty-five millions of dollars, and will add immensely to the capital in the hands of investors.

THE Memphis *Avalanche*, of last Saturday and Sunday, contained some elegant supplementary reading, in the shape of ninety-eight columns of solid agate and nonpareil matter, devoted exclusively to the city and county delinquent tax list.

THE back-pay crowd is rapidly thinning out. DONNAN, of Iowa, follows LOWE, of Kansas, in declining a re-election. The real reason for these numerous declinations is the one which JACK gave for not eating his supper—because he couldn't get it.

IT APPEARS that Congress did, after all, enact a press law giving to the Criminal Court of the District of Columbia jurisdiction of criminal libel, no matter where printed, provided a copy of the publication containing the libelous matter gets into the district.

SOME of the papers are inclined to give Secretary BRISTOW all the credit for reducing the clerical force in his department, but are mistaken in doing so. It was Congress that cut down the force. The Secretary has only the unpleasant duty left of selecting the victims for the Congressional ax.

THE Supervising Board of the Civil Service Commission expired yesterday, no appropriation to continue the Board in service beyond the termination of the fiscal year having been made. It is understood that the Departmental Boards will remain as heretofore. They will not be capable of much mischief, however.

SOME surly Mississippi Bourbon, writing to the *Courier-Journal* of the condition of political affairs in that State, grudgingly admits that both liberty and equality exist there, but, he adds, they are the liberty and equality of degradation and despair. Now, what did he degrade himself for? And if JUDAS himself repented, why should he despair?

THE Chicago *Inter-Ocean* gives a tabulated return of reports of crops received in answer to circulars sent out by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. It contains reports from over 100 prominent shipping points in Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota, and in all but about ten the report is "good crops." Bad crops are the exception and good crops the rule.

APROPOS of a painful subject which engrosses a great deal of public attention at present, it should be borne in mind that no crime is to be excused because of the lofty place or the splendid genius of the offender. Great gifts imply great responsibilities, and the more luminous a man's light—the larger his opportunities—the more heinous his guilt if he betrays his trust.

NOTWITHSTANDING the excessive heat of the past few days, New York journals state that the health of that city stands better than has been known at this season for a long series of years past. The explanation, of course, consists in the cleaner streets and the vigorous suppression of nuisances of all kinds. How does the present mortuary record of Pittsburgh compare with that of past seasons?

THE suit of the Illinois Railroad Commissioners against the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company, lately before the United States Court for the Southern district of that State, and referred to in the COMMERCIAL at the time, has been taken to the United States Supreme Court on a writ of error. Similar proceedings have also been taken in a number of other cases. The question at issue is, whether the United States Circuit Court has authority to take these cases out of the State Circuit Court for trial.

THE aristocratic Democrats are to have a grand reunion on the Fourth, in New York. It is to be confined to the men who can afford to don dress coats, white waistcoats and gloves. They are the salt of the earth, in their own estimation, and are going to save not only the Democracy, but the nation; but knowing how little savor their salt possesses, we are tempted to exclaim, as a venerable gentleman once exclaimed in one of ABBY KELLY's meetings, when she set up the same claim, that she and her set of exclusives were the salt of the earth—"Ther GOD save the bacon!"

NORTH CAROLINA leads off in the elections of this year, and the political cauldron in that State begins to simmer quite hotly. The tar-heel Democracy seem determined that their leaders who took prominent part in the raids, whippings and murders of the Ku-Klux organization, many of whom were indicted in the United States Court, shall be elevated to high judicial position, because of their services to the party as members of that infamous organization. Several of these precious gentry have therefore been nominated by the Democrats as candidates for Judges and Solicitor. If the campaign is properly conducted, the Republicans ought to be able to sweep the State.

TO-DAY, in accordance with a notification previously served on the Postoffice Department, the Baltimore and Philadelphia Railroad Company will cease to haul the United States Postoffice cars over their road, but instead will carry the mails like other freight, charging full fare for every employee of the Postoffice Department who goes over the road, upon the ground that the government can not require them to carry the mails in a given way, so long as they are not consulted as to the price to be paid. The management of the road offered to submit the question of compensation to a jury, or to arbitrators, but Mr. CRESWELL refused to do this, and would, had he remained in office, have instituted a suit in the United States Courts to compel the road to take the postal cars. What course his successor will pursue is not known.

HON. HARRY WHITE has carried his own county for Congress, after a bitter personal fight to which, we think, he never should have been subjected, and the people of his native county have honored themselves in honoring him. He is a true, sound, reliable Republican; of undoubted ability and unquestioned integrity; and having rendered faithful service in the ranks for many years, he well deserved the promotion for which he has had to make a fierce struggle. His district comprises five counties—Armstrong, Clarion, Forest, Jefferson and Indiana. He has carried two of these—Indiana and Forest; Clarion has decided in favor of Judge CAMPBELL; Jefferson for SILAS J. MARLIN, and, Armstrong for one of her own citizens whose name we have not yet heard. The nomination of either of these gentlemen would be satisfactory; but no one of them has higher qualifications or stronger claims than Gen. HARRY WHITE.

A NOVEL PILGRIMAGE.

A deputation consisting of a hundred farm laborers, travelling from village to village and from county to county, not in search of work, but for the mere purpose of pleading their own cause with their countrymen, would certainly seem to be a new kind of pilgrimage in England. The deputation, according to a dispatch in the COMMERCIAL of yesterday, set out from New Market amidst the enthusiastic cheers of a great multitude of fellow laborers assembled to behold their departure. Such a fact by itself indicates a long advance of English civilization in the course of the last fifty or sixty years. Though grossly neglected by their superiors in station, though for the most part illiterate and the most ignorant of English workmen these men are wiser than their fathers and grandfathers who, when oppressed as they thought by the introduction of labor saving machinery, broke out into riot and violence. Whatever some of the laborers of to-day might be willing or inclined to do, if left to their own guidance, most of the class seem never to think of any other than rational or moral means of gaining their ends. The only threat in which they have indulged has been the threat to emigrate, to leave the farmers to discover their value from their absence.

In some of the counties this threat, in connection perhaps with the necessities of harvest, has induced the farmers to make some slight concession. Thus, in Suffolk and Lincolnshire they have agreed to recognize the unions and the right of the laborers to combine for the sake of their own interests. Having secured this concession the laborers have resumed work for the old insufficient wages. This compromise is, however, only a temporary arrangement, and there is no reason to doubt that large numbers of the younger men will take advantage as soon as possible, of the provisions making and to be made for their emigration. It is a remarkable fact that this dispute between English laborers and their employers appears to be entirely and exclusively an economical question. There is no sign that the sufferers take any interest in subjects relating either to politics or the reorganization of society. It should even seem that the agricultural laborers are conservative in sentiment in so far as they are politicians at all. It is certain that neither French radicalism nor internationalism nor any other dangerous continentalism has found ingress among them. Possibly the dulness of the class and their natural freedom from speculative tendencies may have been their safety. They have also found leaders and friends whose influence may have served to keep them in the ancient paths. Mr. ARCH, himself a local preacher of the Methodist body, has labored to give a religious direction to the wages movement, while as a "true born Englishman" and a firm believer in the superior virtues of his nationality, he may be supposed to have put his followers on their guard against "foreign notions." Moreover, prominent members of Parliament, such as Messrs. MUNDELLA, MORLEY and others, zealous friends of the people, have done their utmost to prevent the dispute about wages from becoming either a politicalor a social question. Be the cause or causes what they may, the great controversy has run its course without exhibiting any of those communistic developments which have given rise to so much anxiety and trouble in France, Germany and Spain; a fact to which the London *Times* lately pointed as a sufficient answer to those continental alarmists who predicted that England would be punished for her hospitality to the refugee socialists and revolutionists of the International, by the propagation of their heresies among her laboring classes.

THE CITY DEBT.

The fact that the city debt has, nominally, reached the Constitutional limit, was clearly shown in our previous article upon this subject; it remains to inquire whether the deductions to which the gross amount of that debt is subject, by law, will not, when properly ascertained, bring it sufficiently below that limit to permit the city to finish its water works and the streets already under contract.

There are those who hold that, the contracts for street paving and for the water works having been made before the new Constitution went into effect, bonds can be issued to fulfil those contracts, without regard to the constitutional limitation. The argument is that, the Constitution of the United States forbids the States to pass any law impairing the obligation of contracts, and that such an application of the provisions of the new Constitution as would prevent the issue of bonds to carry out contracts would be an impairment of their obligation. There is, it must be confessed, some force in the argument; but the conclusiveness of it depends altogether upon what is understood by impairing the obligation of contracts, and in what the obligation of contracts consists.

In the contracts for paving streets under the Penn Avenue act, the contractors obligate themselves to do a specified amount of work for a specified sum, and the city obligates itself to pay the sum named. Things like the two material obligations of each contract. *The issue of bonds for the payment of the contractors is no part of the contract* as we understand it, and forms no part of its obligations. The Commissioners chosen to manage the matter are empowered by the Penn Avenue act, when the street is paved, to make requisition upon the Mayor for city bonds sufficient to pay the cost of the work, to negotiate the sale of the same, and pay the proceeds into the City Treasury, which, in turn, pays the contractors out of the proceeds thus paid in. The issue of bonds, then, is merely an incident following the contract, and forms no part of its obligations.

It may further be contended that the saving clause in the new Constitution, exempting all contracts made prior to its adoption, from its provisions, will permit these contracts to be carried out fully; and this we concede. But if, as we have shown, the issue of the bonds was no part of the contract, this saving clause saves nothing but the contracts themselves, which cannot be in any way impaired.

And this brings us to another important point. There are, say, twenty streets the paving of which was contracted for prior to January 1, 1874. In all these cases the city has obligated itself, by the contracts, to pay the contractors for their work; and if bonds cannot be issued upon which to realize the needed sums, the city, we take it, is bound to pay the contractors out of its current revenues. It cannot escape from its obligations, so incurred; and the sum of $1,300,000 which will be needed to finish the streets under contract must be raised either by bonds or by direct taxation. We see no escape from this conclusion; and the taxpayers had better meet it boldly, face to face. The contracts are made, and the city cannot, of its own accord, cancel them.

The liens upon the property abutting on the streets in question would, in either case, be entered up against the owners, and the city would eventually be reimbursed therefrom; but it does not require a prophet to foresee that the city cannot, without ruin to the tax-payers, levy any such sum as would be needed to finish these contracts, to say nothing of what may be needed to finish the water works.

We come back, then, to the inquiry as to whether the city has really reached the Constitutional limit of municipal indebtedness. That limitation is as follows:

"The debt of any county, city, borough, township, school district or other municipality or incorporated district, except as herein provided, shall never exceed seven per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein."

In order to ascertain the amount of "debt" herein prescribed, the Legislature, by act of April 20, 1874, defined what the word "debt" shall be construed to mean, in the following terms:

"Section 5. The word 'indebtedness' used in this act shall be deemed held and taken to include all and all manner of debt, as well floating as funded, of the said municipality, and the net amount of such indebtedness shall be ascertained by deducting from the gross amount thereof, the moneys in the treasury, all outstanding solvent debts, and all revenues applicable within one year to the payment of the same."

We leave out of view, in this calculation, the moneys in the treasury and the revenues of the year; and come at once to the question, what is meant by "outstanding solvent debts?" Clearly it means debts due to the city from those who are able to pay. Judge WHITE has very properly held that the street bonds issued by the city are a part of the debt due by the city; and, by parity of reasoning, are not the liens entered up against the property on paved streets, as security for the payment of the bonds and the interest thereon, debts due to the city? If so, they are outstanding and solvent, and hence would come under the head of "outstanding solvent debts," the amounts of which are to be deducted from the gross sum of the city debt, in order to ascertain the net sum remaining.

These liens have all the elements of debts. The city, under the Penn Avenue act, does not undertake to pave new streets at its own cost. It puts itself in the attitude of a contracting party, for the benefit of a portion of its citizens, and lends its credit to them, to enable the cost of the paving to be paid, as soon as done; but it does this simply because the citizens cannot do it for themselves. The whole cost of the paving falls upon the property-holders on the line of the paved street. They assume the ultimate payment of the cost, and a judgment is entered up as a lien against their property, to remain until the whole amount advanced by the city is repaid to it. They are, in every sense, debtors to the city for the amount which it has cost to pave their street. The city has advanced the money for them, and they have put their property in pledge for the repayment of the sums so advanced.

We think, therefore, there can be no difficulty in the way of regarding these liens as debts due the city, and in treating them as deductible from the gross amount of the city debt, in determining its net amount; and, this being conceded, there can be no trouble in finishing the streets under contract, in the manner originally contemplated.

The only alternative to this conclusion is the one we have suggested, the payment of the cost of these contracts by direct taxation. *That* is an alternative not to be thought of, if it can possibly be avoided; and we hope, for the city's sake, that some steps may be taken at once to settle, judicially, the legal questions involved in the views we have here presented.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

In ancient times from Moses' hand
There came ten plagues on Egypt's land.
It's strange where'er the Lord proposes
To punish man he sends a Moses.

Silence is not always golden, Mr. Beecher.

These are the days in which green apples grapple and gripe greedy boys.

If no one else will solve the mystery of that Beecher-Tilton business, let Tom Collins speak.

There is talk in New York of getting up a petition to Governor DIX for the release of Boss Tweed.

To-day Postmaster General Hale assumes the duties of his office. All's well that ends Creswell.

The pilgrimage of the American Catholics to Rome is to be repeated next year on a much larger scale.

Most of the Southern newspapers are exceedingly barren of news, and their editorial columns of intelligence.

The Boston *Post* sees light ahead in the shape of a Democratic victory in Massachusetts this year. It is an *ignis fatuus*.

To-day the holders of United States bonds enter on their semi-annual scissor practice in the arduous work of coupon-cutting.

Baltimore is making a gallant fight for a share of the exporting and importing trade of the country, and not without substantial success.

It has been decided that savings banks cannot recover on notes discounted. There are other banks that are practically in the same predicament.

Vassar College is to have an art gallery comprising no less than seven hundred large fine tinted photographs of pictures by the old masters.

Now that Halstead has gone to Europe, the remaining members of the quadrilateral will have their hands full in taking care of the country.

Delaware has raised about seven and a half million quarts of strawberries this season. There is a good deal of gold in this kind of quartz.

All the fiddlers, and horn-blowers, and singing birds, are leaving for the seaside, the northern lakes, and the mountains, for rest and recreation.

Now do our young maidens exhibit a fondness for sitting up late o' nights to watch the moon, and have some one sit up with them to help them do it.

Give people a chance at something like broad social fellowship, and see whether the rum shop can stand such attractions. The church should do this work.

Not for a decade have the winter wheat growing sections of the United States been blessed with a crop of such excellent wheat as that now nearly all harvested.

There will be a larger catch of mackerel this season than for the past twenty years. We shall not hear of the gudgeon catch until the watering place season is over.

Secretary BRISTOW has ordered that hereafter no middleman shall be recognized in bids for labor to engage in handling merchandise in custom house or in bond.

Canada wants to become the back-door of Great Britain, through which shall pass, duty free, all of the latter's manufactures of wood, iron, wool, paper, and other articles.

Brownlow is still penning acrid and epigrammatic letters about the Civil Rights bill. He is a Republican, but that he hates the negro less, but the Secessionist more.

Southern Congressmen are adopting the old style of publicly presenting their claims to their constituents for re-election to Congress, through cards in the newspapers.

These are the days of Grange picnics, in which aspiring politicians pick cucumbers from the umbrageous trees, and contract for potato crops to harvest and thresh on shares.

A number of far western journals affirm that the Indian scare on the frontier is simply the result of the marauding of horse thieves and other desperate white outlaws.

We suspect that, in declining further service at one end of the capitol, DAWES was looking to a seat at the other end. Massachusetts elects A United States Senator next winter.

On the Fourth the corner stone of the new Public Buildings of Philadelphia will be laid, and the grand bridge over the Schuylkill at Girard avenue opened to the public for the first time.

It is now said that two-thirds of the cotton in the South is made by white labor. How about the claim that without the labor of black slaves the South could not produce any cotton?

Now does the explosion of the furtive fire-cracker here and there begin to give warning of the intolerable din with which Young America will usher in the celebration of Independence Day.

The Colorado beetle, appearing originally in the Rocky Mountain region, has been moving for years in a gradual eastward migration, and has now reached New York and the New England States.

A floating island of several acres in extent in Lake Monomonauk, between Massachusetts and Rhode Island, is creating a good deal of interest thereabouts. Little Rhody should attach it. It would double her area.

The talk about that new paper in New York is renewed. It is said that the projectors have raised half a million, and that they intend to secure, if they can, the best talent on all the other papers, by the offer of larger salaries.

PERSONAL.

According to the Earl of Shaftesbury, Bismarck also is of Jewish extraction.

Don Carlos may never sit upon the throne of Spain, and in all probability never will, but he seems to have pretty well succeeded in ruining the country which rejects him.

Hon. Eugene Hale, who enters on his office to-day, will be the eighth person from New England who has served as Postmaster General. The others were Samuel Osgood, of Massachusetts, 1789; Timoth Pickering, of Massachusetts, 1792, and Gideon Granger, of Connecticut, 1802 to 1814; Jacob Collamore, of Vermont, 1849; Samuel D. Hubbard, of Connecticut, 1852; Horatio King, of Maine, 1861.

A "Tom Collins" joke worth printing was recently made at a leading New England college. "Mr. Collins" was announced to speak in the chapel. The President, angry that the arrangement should have been made without consulting him, placed an injunction on the lecture, locked the door and stood guard over it for a somewhat lengthy season, to the infinite amusement of the boys.

James A. MacMasters, editor of the New York *Freeman's Journal*, who is said to be about to become the American Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church, is the son of a Presbyterian clergyman, and was himself for a time in training for the clerical office in that church. His claims to recognition by the ecclesiastical authorities of his church are his services as a writer and his efforts to secure money contributions for the support of the Pope since he lost his temporal dominions.

In Paris, since the Metternich-Montebello duel, before a lady goes to a ball, the husband whispers nervously, "My dear, pray be civil to Mr. So-and-so;" or, "Eugenie, for heaven's sake, don't frown at Count Caskowhiski." The ladies, profiting by the circumstance, induce their timid lords to comply with all their wishes. "Henri, if you don't buy me that bonnet, I'll insult M. Trois Etoiles—and he's a dead shot." "Hippolyte, if you don't bring that diamond spray home this evening, I'll call Baron Saussard a fool."

A Kansas newspaper says: "If there still be persons who think that the world does not move, we refer them to the name of S. D. Lecompte, attached to the call for a Republican District Convention to nominate a Congressman for this district, and remind them that this is the same Judge Lecompte for whom Lecompton was named, and the very mention of whose name, less than twenty years ago, caused a shudder everywhere in the Free States. He is one of the pleasantest looking old gentleman imaginable. It may serve to strengthen their faith in progress, to know that Gen. Stringfellow is a member in good standing of the Republican party."

FOR JULY.

Life in the Coun... and Life in Town—Summer Dressing... n and Out of Doors.

[From our own Correspondent.]

NEW YORK, June 1874.

How good it is that our lives are mostly ordered for us, that we are obliged to do things because it is best to do them, and there is therefore hardly an alternative, else we should be forever drifting about in unknown seas without rudder or compass.

How to take a summer holiday? is one of those questions which annually torment thousands of people, and to which few of them find a satisfactory answer. Those who are obliged to study economy think that *that* is the trouble, and that if they could only spend money enough, there would be no difficulty in making a choice. But people who have plenty of money find it just as hard to make up their minds what it is they want to do; they are as tired of the monotony and sameness of fashion and luxury as many others of their struggles to preserve the average show of respectability.

Probably the real reason of this universal feeling of indecision and discontent is in our habit of looking for change, in novelty and excitement, conditions which cannot in their very nature be permanent or satisfying. A healthful life is a regular life, and necessarily somewhat "slow," and a healthful change is that which supplies something of which we do not get enough, and thus assists in restoring an equilibrium of forces.

FASHIONABLE COUNTRY LIFE.

Grand old country homes in which something of the state was preserved which distinguishes the old manorial homes of England, are dying out, and fashionable life in the country clusters around monster hotels. This is necessarily the case, because of our laws of equal division of property—no one member of the family is able to support the honor, dignity and state of the family, and so after a few years of possession, and before the gloss of newness has worn off, before the oak of the dining-room has taken on a darker tint, or the trees have fully grown, it passes out of the possession of its first occupants, and those who knew it, know it no more.

Nearly all the fine country residences of a quarter of a century ago or more, have fallen into decay or have been divided up into lots to suit purchasers, so that country visiting life upon a grand and hospitable scale is almost unknown. Our villas are crowded and uncomfortable and gingerbready, and the style of living so comparatively restricted that the visitor always has an uncomfortable feeling of interfering with the family washing or some other regular and not-to-be-set-aside proceeding.

It is this restriction, this subordination of freedom and comfort to certain kitchen rules and despotisms, which adds another attraction to hotel life. There, at least, one knows nothing of the exactions of Biddy the cook or Kaffe the chambermaid; the army of white-capped officials in the back offices are under military law, and confidence in the fact that hot rolls, broiled steak, omelette, corn bread and good coffee will always be forthcoming is therefore complete and profound.

Co-operative life of this description is already an enormous fact in this country, and promises to increase until it absorbs a much larger part of the population than it does at present. Old-fashioned ideas about ill-bred people have interfered to some extent with a realization, to many, of this earthly paradise, but when they have learned to manage the matter of increasing population as well as they do in France, children will be no longer an obstacle to life in a first-class hotel.

CITY ATTRACTIONS IN JUNE.

It is only now, and barely in time to escape the noise and confusion of the Fourth of July, that some of the best known families, leaders in the world of fashion, have left the city and betaken themselves to the quiet of rural homes or the gayeties of the seaside or inland summer resorts. New York is not without attractions of its own in June, and this year the brief re-appearance of Salvini has been added to the increasing *eclat* of the Jerome Park races, to the greenness and freshness of the Central Park, and to the profusion of delicious Jersey strawberries.

After June everything in the Empire city has a limp and dirty look. People who are obliged to remain, saunter along the shady side of the street with an aimless look, as if they had been lost and no one had found them; but through June the nights are cool, starch retains its natural properties, and respectable fathers of families still present a staid and dignified aspect, as if life had not lost all its value to them.

The Jerome Park races have been dignified by the presence of more than the usual number of English drags and four-in-hands; also, by the attendance of several parties of traveling English gentlemen and ladies, who made free comments and attracted attention by a not exactly eccentric but still peculiar and insular style of dress. The skirts of the dresses were longer than are usually worn upon such occasions by American ladies, the outside garments were larger and looser, the colors had less relation to each other, and the different parts of the costume had an appearance of having been purchased at different periods in the world's history.

There were not many noteworthy toilettes that I observed, though there were some very handsome ones. The newest were black, with cuirass bodices, striped in velvet and beaded lace, or beaded lace and puffed grenadine, or beaded lace lined with silk and alternated with bands of black silk.

A favorite costume, of which there were many representatives more or less distinguished, consisted of polonaises of the new yellowish white summer camels hair cloth, trimmed with guipure lace insertion and bordering to match, and mounted with black velvet loops and bows. These elegant garments are worn over black silk skirts more or less trimmed, or over violet or gray, but in that case the bonnet, gloves and parasol must harmonize with the silk tint. It should be understood, however, that when a color is used for the skirt, the gloves should be several shades paler in order to preserve the appearance of delicacy and refinement, and that a lighter tint for gloves should always be preferred to a darker one. This rule is not uniformly observed in the drabs and grays now in use, and the neglect detracts from the appearance of an otherwise complete *ensemble*.

A fan suspended from the belt by ribbon or a chatelaine is now part of the regular equipment, and the richly colored India fans are preferred to all others, though many of the delicately painted Watteau styles are to be seen.

Two rather noticeable toilettes were of pale *ecru* silk canvas over very light blue silk skirts covered with narrow flounces. Leghorn hats trimmed with black velvet, long white plumes and turned upon the sides with a mass of blue forget-me-nots, were worn with them.

Of course, English embroidery in the form of open-worked polonaises was to be seen, and a very handsome one was worn over a straw colored silk picked out with chocolate colored velvet most effectively. Another showed vest, shirt, broad sash, cuffs and English collar of black velvet, and was accompained by a hat of English straw trimmed with yellowish lace, old and precious, black velvet and a wreath of blue ragged robins.

A HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

The quantity of flowers worn upon ladies' hats and bonnets at the present time is something marvellous. There is a flower rage, a rose and lily epidemic, and everyone has caught it. Summer capotes consist of a cap crown of silk and lace, or lace and crepe, encircled by a broad band of flowers and leaves. The trinity of roses has given place to wild wood sprays and clustering grasses to bunches of field flowers or mosses of bridal wreath or trailing myrtle.

The small fruits are also largely represented; very pretty hats of white chip with drooping, indented brim are bound with black velvet encircled by a scarf of gauze, and ornamented at the back with great bunches of cherries or red and white currants.

WHITE ORGANDY DRESSES.

The racesat an end, and Salvini departed, the flitting becomes marked and rapid. Every carriage that rattles along the streets has a big trunk strapped on before and another big trunk strapped on behind, and each of those trunks contains at least one white organdy dress, which, with its ribbons and lace, is, this season, considered a most important item in the outfit. White toilettes—it is some satisfaction to know—have at last been remanded back to the region where they belong, indoor and evening or country wear for young girls. White dresses in the glare of sunlight, upon a grown woman, are always out of place, and as the exigencies of dirty streets and an uncertain climate rarely admit of proper accessories, the effect is never good; but for evening or indoor wear in the midst of flowers and greenery, it is a different thing. Then white, particularly clear white, becomes soft and inspirational, quite in harmony with the poetic beauty of the scene.

The new white organdy dresses are of very clear, fine muslin, and are made with two skirts and jacket or cuirass bodice. The underskirt has a flounce headed with wide Valenciennes insertion, and a wide Valenciennes not unfrequently falls below the flounce. The upper skirt is bordered with wide insertion and lace. If the body forms a jacket, the vest, cuffs, small pockets and inner standing collar are of pale pink, blue, green or tea-rose silk covered with lace, as is the sash also; but if the cuirass bodice (which is simply a plain, close fitting, sleeveless basque) is employed, it is made of alternate stripes of gathered muslin and silk, or ribbon covered with lace insertion, and the sash is made three yards long to match, the rounded ends having deep ruffles of lace.

THE FASHIONS OF THE HOUR.

Dress may now be considered to be divided, in an arbitrary manner, into dress costumes for the street, full dress toilettes for the drawing room, and *negligé* for the house.

The *negligé* costumes—for *negligé* is now, in every discoverable fabric. Two different colors, the darkest being used for trimming, the basque, the ruching and the lining of the flounces, is *grande mode*, as is also the use of a striped with a plain fabric, the plain material being more profusely used than the striped. The dark stripe in that goods furnishes, as during the winter, the *trimming of the trimmings*, the lining of the heading of the flounces, basques, &c.

Take, for instance, a navy blue foulard. This you trim with three gathered flounces and bind them with striped navy blue and white foulard. At the head of each flounce is a striped lining, turned back and laid over like a fan at intervals, and confined by a medium sized button covered with the plain material. Your overskirt must be of the striped foulard. Your fronts are separate from the back breadths, which are very long and draped in a double point. The basque waist of striped foulard opens over a long square vest of the plain foulard, closed with large buttons covered with the plain foulard. It is optional with the wearer to use large white mother-of-pearl buttons. In front the basque is very long. The sleeves are of plain foulard, with cuffs of the striped, while the basque at the back is short and laid in large pleats lined with the plain material.

Silk and silk gauze are preferred this season for the drawing-room. Some combinations of this kind give singular effects, such, for instance, as bronze faille with white silk gauze, the faille appearing in the skirt, while the gauze composes the overskirt and the trimmings of the skirt itself. White silk gauze and all kinds of transparent goods, including the "canvass" and "silk canvas," a very elegant new goods eminently suited for beading and embroidering and, in point of fact, fabricated with that aim, will reign predominant. Faille and foulard of neutral shades, notably ash gray, pinkish gray, greenish, yellowish and bluish gray, with "ashes of roses" and smoked pearl tints are also in high favor, as well as a new color which resembles the shade of raspberry juice that has mingled with cream in a saucer, and which is called *fruit fane*.

A great many new fabrics have been issued, the distinguishing feature of which is that they are composed of two sections, plain material being intended for the skirt, and striped of identical color for the overskirt and sleeveless basque waist, or for a polonaise if preferred, the coat sleeves being of the plain fabric. All goods that are decidedly new for street costume, from alpaca to the richest silk—except of coarse black silk—offer this new feature, and even in black combined with white, this novel effect is to be found.

TRAVELING COSTUMES.

Traveling costumes are made without any overskirts, both because of their being cooler and less cumbersome when so made, and because it is just as well for a costume of that sort to simulate the overskirt in the trimming, as it is less expensive to get up, or as the phrase now is, to *build* such a dress without an overskirt than with one.

Light batiste delaine of two shades of gray, makes an exceedingly pretty traveling suit when disposed as follows: The skirt is round, and short enough to clear the ground without any possibility of an inconvenient sweep. The tablier is furnished by flat folds alternately light and dark. The end of each fold is cut into a triangle in which a long button hole is worked, without being cut, with dark silk on the light and light silk on the dark material. On each of these a large mother-of-pearl button is sewed. The other breadths are trimmed with flounces that are alternately light or dark. These flounces are intersected by a simulated overskirt formed by a light flounce that is headed by a dark bias fold. A light waist opens over a dark vest. A small rounded shawl with very long ends, scalloped on the ends with dark gray wool, is thrown over the shoulders and tied once in front, the ends being thrown backward over the back. Gray of two shades is the only color, except beige, that is admissable for traveling costumes. In that peculiar color they are to be seen already very stylishly "built." Some, very elegant, are embroidered, but it is a question of taste whether it be suitable to embroider traveling costumes, or whether it be not best to dispense with embroidery on such dresses.

For traveling *lingerie*, gray, bluish gray, pale pink, blue and lilac striped Oxford linen are worn. These have yoked collars, undersleeves with deep cuffs, and bosoms like those of gentlemen's shirts. The bosoms have pink or red coral buttons to close them, and blue or gray steel. These bosoms are worn under open waists like a vest in sultry weather.

A wrapping which should accompany all traveling costumes is the new gossamer waterproof.

BATHING DRESSES

are very sensible, modest and convenient, and so low in price that there is no excuse for a lady who spends ever so short a period at the sea side, not having one of her own. The suit consists as usual, of trousers and blouse, but the blouse is cut long, belted in broad and firmly at the waist, and, together with the trowsers, forms a neat and perfectly protective costume. Gray flannel or dark blue morreen—which latter sheds water—are the materials in demand, trimmed with white, black, or black and white braid. The cost is from $4 50 to $9 00. A very nice suit of gray, amply trimmed and finished, can be purchased for $5 00. The shoes cost a dollar more; the white cocoa hat twenty-five cents.

ITEMS OF FASHION.

English embroidery, which, it was said, would be greatly worn, has indeed proved a success. It is used this season upon all fabrics except thick silk, which is, of course, little worn during the heated term, and is a favorite on plain foulard and on faille. On silk and on wool it is worked in silk—as on thick silk during the winter—and on cotton it is worked in cotton. It must be of the same shade as the ornamentation of the trimming.

It is predicted by leaders of fashion that overskirts of the lightest kind of crepe de chine and of the most airy order will be the style of even so light a material—will be worn over black velvet skirts.

The handsomest glove is of Swedish or Scotch kid, white and made very long. In the daytime this will be worn with all light dresses. They soil very easily, and require to be changed very often. White thread gloves are not worn for summer wear.

Very wide scarfs of China crepe and of silk gauze, as well as of various other transparent materials, take the place of overskirts by being draped in a similar manner and tied at the back or side.

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Our readers who are familiar with the iron mining business of the Lake Superior district, and those who have angled for trout in the Menomonee or Mequacumcum, are acquainted with the fact that nearly all of the mercantile transactions of that region are carried on by means of "iron money," that is, drafts of the mining company issued at the mines and drawn on their treasurer, who usually resides in this city or in Boston. These drafts circulate as money, and the unwary traveler soon finds his pockets full of one dollar iron notes in place of his clean nationals or greenbacks. In fact, it would be next to impossible to carry on the vast industries of the mining regions, which are sparsely supplied with banking facilities, without the intervention of the private issues of the companies.

From the Marquette *Mining Journal* we learn that an effort was made to convict certain parties of having forged notes of the Jackson Iron Company. The defense, however spiked the guns of the plaintiffs by establishing the fact that the note in question was and is a legal nullity and of no value.

The State laws of Michigan for 1871 have the following provision in regard to unauthorized banking:

SEC. 5. No person, association, or body corporate, whether public or private, except such bodies corporate as are or shall be expressly authorized by law to do a regular banking business, and to issue bank bills, shall issue any bills, notes, due bills, drafts, or other securities for circulation, in similitude of bank bills, or to be loaned or put in circulation as money, or to be passed or used as a currency or circulating medium, and every person, and every member of such corporation, who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be punished by imprisonment in the State prison not more than three years, or in the county jail not more than one year, or by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or both, in the discretion of the court; and any such corporation shall thereby forfeit all its corporate rights and privileges.

(7,746) SEC. 7. No person shall pay, give or receive in payment, or in any way circulate or attempt to circulate any bank bill, promissory note, or other evidence of debt, issued by any banking company, or any corporation within this State, or elsewhere, which shall purport to be for the payment of less sum than one dollar, or which shall be made payable otherwise than in specie or bank bills; and every person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall for each offense forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty dollars; but no prosecution shall be commenced therefor after the expiration of three months from the time of committing the offense.

The Jackson Iron Company was incorporated by special charter of the Legislature in the year 1849; no authority was vested in the company by this charter to issue notes in the similitude of bank bills; the company, having no such authority, could not issue notes for circulation as currency, and all notes so issued were nonentities in law and of no value; the notes in question being void, in law, no action for forgery can be predicated upon them. The case was dismissed and the prisoners discharged by order of the judge.

The interest in the case is not so much in the fact that two rascals were let off from the consequences of their having swindled the public by passing bogus drafts, as that this decision, if carried out to its fullest extent, will compel the companies to call in their issue of drafts intended for circulation as money. Should this be so, it will greatly cripple the industries of that section, and compel the companies either to curtail their operations or else raise money in some way to take up their outstanding drafts.

As we find the furnace companies of Michigan are applicants for loans in this market, offering charcoal iron at $25 per ton as collateral security, and paying pretty round rates for the money at that, we opine that it will be no easy task for them to substitute government or national currency for iron money.

Section 3 of the new currency law provides for the five per cent. redemption fund to be deposited in the United States Treasury, instead of the reserve against circulation heretofore held by the banks themselves. A five per cent. fund against the $354,000,000 of national bank notes would be $17,700,000. The aggregate amount of actual greenbacks now held by the country banks is at the rate of six per cent. (two-fifths of their fifteen per cent. reserve) and by the city banks at the rate of 12½ per cent. (one-half of their 25 per cent. reserve) amounts in the aggregate to about $80,000,000. Therefore the amount of the five per cent. redemption fund in the United States Treasury for the reserves heretofore held by the banks themselves against their circulation, will release a little over $12,000,000 of greenbacks to go into circulation at once. This is all the positive expansion there is in the bill at all. This section also provides that when any sum of $1,000, or multiple thereof, in national bank notes, *assorted or unassorted*, is presented to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, he shall redeem them in legal tender notes, and charge the respective amounts up to the redemption funds of the banks that issued the notes. The only obstacle to the practical redemption of national bank notes in greenbacks heretofore has been the trouble of assorting the notes so that different banks so as to be able to present any considerable amount of notes of any one bank at its redemption agency in New York. The United States Treasurer is, however, required by the new law to do this assorting. If any New York bank wants legal tender notes to keep up its legal reserve it can now present any sum of a hundred different national banks notes of a hundred different national banks in one package to Washington and get the greenbacks for them. There are frequently times in New York when national bank notes are at a discount of ½ of one per cent. or more under greenbacks, and if these redemptions could be made in New York instead of Washington the New York bankers would secure by this new law the *central redemption of national bank notes*, for which they have been trying for a long. It is doubtful if they can make it pay to send national bank notes from New York to Washington and bring greenbacks back to New York by express. But if they can make it pay it will start a rapid and continuous movement of greenbacks to New York and of national bank notes from New York to the banks that issued them all over the country. The trouble and expense of having to keep sending greenbacks to Washington to redeem their notes would probably induce many of the banks to retire their circulation.

Jamison's *Financial Record* for Philadelphia publication, by a well-known banking firm of that city, seems to be commended and actually anticipated of the very provisions embodied in the New Currency act, just approved by President, namely, the release of this $ on national bank. At present even, it will be remembered, the money stringency was severely felt and Mr. Jamison made the following motion: "Let Congress repeal that part of the National Banking law, which adds to the *reserve* of fifteen and twenty-per cent. to be kept good by each bank in their circulation—which is already held up by the deposit of United States bonds with the Treasury Department at 5 per cent. discount—thus bringing into circulation, $61,777,863, that is now locked up, and therefore useless, in the vaults of our national banks."

The figures given by Mr. Jamison in support were as follows:

Bond Circulation—	
Redemption fund	$106,288,441
Country banks	234,705,929
Total circulation out	$340,993,470
Twenty-five per cent. reserve for city banks	$26,572,110
Fifteen per cent. reserve for country banks	35,205,756
Total reserve	$61,777,863

Mr. Jamison has certainly earned for himself the character of a banker, whose practical experience gave him knowledge of the wants of the community, and whose prescience penetrated further than most of our active banking men and financial writers.

—The following is a report of the leading stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board at noon to-day. Furnished by Luther S. Kaufman, broker, 96 Fourth avenue:

	Bid.	Asked.
Pennsylvania Central	49½	.....
Pennsylvania Railroad	102½	.....
Reading	57¼	.....
Philadelphia & Erie	29	.....
Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Division N. J.	12½	.....
Northern Central	64½	.....
Lehigh Valley	60¼	.....
Minehill	50	.....
Little Schuylkill	45	.....
Catawissa preferred	54	.....

—Hazard & Montagug, brokers in stock and gold privileges, 6 Broad street New York. Straddles, or double privileges, on 100 shares stock at market price on signing of contract, 30 days, $30@$400; 60 days, $400@$500. Puts or calls, $100 for 100 shares 30 days; $150 to $200, 60 days, at following distance from the market, all on members New York Stock Exchange, or responsible parties:

June 15, 1874.	Puts. Below Market.	Calls. Above Market.
Gold, 30 days for $50	½@¾	½@¾
Gold, 60 days for $100	¾@1	¾@1
Western U. Telegraph	1½@2¼	2 @2¼
Pacific Mail	2 @2¼	2 @2¼
N. Y. Central & Hudson	1½@2	2 @2¼
Harlem	2¼@2¾	2 @2¼
Erie	2 @2¾	2 @2¼
Lake Shore	2 @2¾	2½@3¼
Northwestern	2 @2¾	2½@3¼
Rock Island	1½@2¼	2 @2¼
M. & St. Paul	1½@2	2 @3
Fort Wayne	1½@2	2 @3
Ohio & Mississippi	1½@2	2 @2¼
Union Pacific	1 @1¼	2 @2¼
Terminal & St. Joseph	1 @1¼	2 @2¼
C. C. & I. C	1½@2	2½@3

Our commission buying puts or calls—$5 25 per 100 shares.
Our commission buying straddles—every 100 shares..... 12 50

GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, TUESDAY, June 30, 1874.

Business was quiet to-day, the hot weather being particularly calculated to produce a dullness in trade. It is generally the case that trade falls off at this season of the year, and comparatively speaking, we do not think that the aggregate trade movement now going on is proportionally inferior to that of former years. The policy of retailers, of buying light stocks and filling them, from time to time by small purchases has given the jobbing trade a steadier character, than is generally the case. Most of our merchants anticipate an active and prosperous fall trade; but there is no doubt that to secure such a trade on a permanent basis, the margin of profit must be somewhat less than formerly.

Values continue steady. With the exception of grain and other articles of produce which are effected by the advance of the season, there has been no important change in quotations, nor is there likely to be, for some time to come. In the course of a few weeks, we may look for changes produced in the grain market by new crops. Country produce, such as butter, eggs, cheese, potatoes and vegetables, are unchanged in price.

The following are the receipts of the leading articles of produce in this city, since our last: Flour, bbls..... 2,429 Cheese, bxs..... 350
Corn, sks..... 700 Hides, No..... 50
Oats, sks..... 729 Bacon, tcs..... 120

The following quotations are rates realized in wholesale transactions unless otherwise specified. On small sales dealers charge an advance.

GRAIN, FLOUR AND FEED.

GRAIN—The grain market was rather quiet to-day. There was not any material change in the prices which have prevailed. Wheat is somewhat neglected at $1 40@1 45 for amber; $1 45@1 48 for No. 2 red winter; $1 30@1 35 for No. 3 do. Corn remains steady with a strong inquiry for ear. We quote at 58@58c for car lots; a sale of one car at 62c; shelled rules from 70@72c. Oats are in good demand and show an advancing tendency to-day, selling for white and 55@59 for mixed. Rye is steady at $1 05@1 10. Barley nominally unchanged.

FLOUR—The jobbing trade in flour to-day was fair, with transactions in round lots rather infrequent. We note prices as follows: St. Louis $9 00@10 00 ₱ bbl; white winter wheat $7 50@7 75; Minnesota spring wheat $7 00@7 25; Iowa spring $6 75@7 00; Ohio $7 25@7 50; rye flour, $5 00; Graham flour $6 25@7 50; corn meal $5 00@5 25; buckwheat $9 ₱ bbl. Prices of city mills flour are as follows: No. 1 white wheat flour $8 50 ₱ bbl; No. 1 red wheat $7 75; No. 2 red wheat $7 00; in sacks 200 off per bbl.

HAY AND STRAW—Receipts of hay have been quite light and prices firm. We quote at $23 00@24 00 ₱ ton from store, and $20 00 on the track. Wagon hay from the country may market was quoted at $27 00@28 00 for No. 1 timothy; No. 2 $23 00@24 00; common to good $20 00@21 00. Straw is quoted at $15@17 00 ₱ ton.

MILL FEED—The market is steady and prices firm. We quote bran at $ 65@ 70 ₱ cwt.; middlings $1 00@1 05; oil meal $1 90@2 00; chopped feed $1 75@1 85 ₱ cwt.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

BUTTER—Is unchanged in price with a dull market, and a large stock in hand. We quote choice yellow, at 14@17c with a fair demand for strictly choice grades. Low grades 10@12c ₱ pound.

BEANS—Prime white navy beans are quoted at $2 00@2 05; medium $2 45@2 50; fair to good $2 25@2 35.

BEESWAX—We quote white wax at 38@40c; yellow 34@35c; dark 30@32c ₱ lb.

APPLE BUTTER—Prime 80c ₱ gal; fair to good 60@70c.

CHICKENS—Live, spring 60@65c; old 70@75c ₱ pair as to size; dressed 8@9c.

CHEESE—The market for cheese is moderately active. We quote from factory at 15@17c; Western Reserve dairy 16@17c.

DRIED SWEET CORN—Quotations are given at 6@6½ ₱ lb.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, choice new are quoted at 11@12c ₱ lb; choice peaches 13c ₱ lb; mixed 7 @10c; blackberries, choice, 12c.

EGGS—Are in good supply and selling freely at 16@17c. Some dealers are holding at 18c.

FEATHERS—Are quoted as follow: No. 1 ₱ lb 75c; No. 2 ₱ lb 60c.

HONEY—The market is very dull, with little trade of any sort. We quote growth of 1872 at 22@25c ₱ lb and 1873 at 20@22c.

HONEY—Clover 25c ₱ lb; buckwheat blossom 25c.

HOMINY—Quotations are at $5 00 ₱ bbl.

ONIONS—Bermudas $2 50@2 75 ₱ box.

POTATOES—Old potatoes are practically out of the market, as there is no inquiry for them. New potatoes are in fair supply at $5 00 ₱ barrel.

SWEET POTATOES—Are in light supply and small demand at $5 00@5 50 ₱ barrel.

GROCERIES.

The trade in groceries was rather dull to-day. Coffees are firm here, having advanced in the east 5c in the last four days. Sugars are in strong demand and active, while syrups and molasses exhibit a slight upward tendency. Foreign fruits are rather quiet. We quote prices as follows:

Green Coffees.		*Teas.*	
Fancy	25c	Oolong	25 @ 85
Choice	24c	Fancy	$1 00
Prime	23 c	Souchong	25 @ 85
Good	22 c	*Molasses.*	
Java	33 c	Strictly choice N O	68c
Roasted Coffees.		Choice	65c
Rio, in papers	29 c	Good	60c
Loose	28c	Demerara	60@70c
Roasted Java	40 c	*Syrups.*	
Sugars.		Ex. white drips	@75c
Standard A	10¾c	Sugar drips	@65c
Standard B	10¾c	Golden drips	45@50c
Standard C	10½c	*Rice.*	
Standard hards	11¾c	Choice Carolina	9@9½c
Franklin extra C	9½c	Patna	8@8½c
American extra C	9¼c	Rangoon	7 @ 8c
		Raisins.	
		Layers, ₱ box	$3 25
		Valentias, ₱ lb	13@14c
		Loose	11@12c
		Prunes	13½@14c

PROVISIONS.

BACON AND PROVISIONS—The leading dealers report the continuance of a steady trade at the following rates: Cured hams, ₱ lb 14@16c; shoulders, canvassed, ₱ lb, 9½c; breakfast bacon, clear 13c; short rib 12½c; dried beef, canvassed, 14c; beef tongues, ₱ doz, $7 50; bacon shoulders, ₱ lb, 8½c; rib sides, do, 10½c; short rib sides, do, 11½c; clear sides, do, 11½c; hams, ₱ lb, 14@15c; prime leaf lard, in tierces, ₱ lb, 12½; refined for summer use, in tierces, 12½; kettle rendered, do, 13½c; in 3 lb cans, do, 14c; in 5 lb pails, do, 13½c; in 5 lb pails, do, 15c; in 10 lb pails, do, 13½c.

FISH—Trade is moderately active, especially for mackerel, with little done in old. We quote as follows:

No. 1 extra mess		Lake trout	$7 50
mackerel, ₱ bbl	$31 00	White fish	7 50
No. 1 mess do	25 00	Lake herring	5 50
Extra No. 1 shore	21 00	Potomac herring,	
Extra No. 1 bay	18 00	bbls	6 75
No. 1 bay	17 00	Potomac herring,	
Extra No. 2	15 50	half bbls	3 63
No. 2 bay	15 00	Potomac shad, half	
New No. 3	13 00	bbls	7 00
Georges codfish,		Burning herring	
₱ 100	6 50	S. C., ₱ bx	1 75
Medium do	5 00		

On bbl fish 32c for extra packing is charged.

CARBON OIL—We quote carbon oil from store at 13 ₱ gall; in car lots at the usual deduction. Market rather firmer, with a better demand.

COUNTRY BACON—Market active and firm; hams 10@11c ₱ lb; clear sides 10@10½c; ribbed sides 8½@9c; shoulders 7@7½c. Country lard 9 @10c, as to quality.

LARD OIL—We quote extra winter strained at 90@95c ₱ gallon; summer 80@85c. No. 2, 67@72c.

TALLOW—Sales at 5 ₱ lb for prime and 4½ for medium. Demand good and market firm.

IRON MARKETS.

LOUISVILLE.

PIG IRON—We quote as follows:

Hanging Rock foundry—	
Extra No. 1	$37 00@38 00
No. 1 ✠ pig iron	36 00@37 00
No. 2 foundry	32 00@33 00
No. 3, or mill	30 00@31 00
No. 1 Tennessee foundry	34 00@35 00
No. 2 foundry	31 00@32 00
No. 3, or mill	30 00@31 00
No. 1 stonecoal foundry Missouri Red S	35 00@36 00
No. 2 stonecoal foundry Missouri Red S	34 00@35 00
No. 3, or mill foundry Missouri Red S	29 00@30 00
No. 1 car-wheel iron—	
Ohio Hecla	@0 00
No. 1 Red River cold blast	55 00@
No. 2 Red River and Cottage	50 00@
Nos. 3 and 4 Red River and Cottage	45 00@
Nos. 5 and 6 or white iron	35 00@
C. C. Tennessee car-wheel—	
No. 1 Dover cold-blast	50 00@
No. 2 Dover cold-blast	50 00@
White and mottled	50 00@

—*Courier-Journal*, June 29.

The following were the receipts and shipments for the week ending Saturday, June 27, 1874:

Routes.	Receipts. Tons. Ore.	Pigs.	Shipments. Tons. Ore.	Pigs.
S. L., T. & A. & S. R. W	3,500	610	.....	.....
A. & P. R. W. to St. L.	150	.....	.....	.....
A. & P. R. W. to Carond.	2,800	.....	.....	.....
S. L. T. & I. R. W	50	.....	10	.....
St. L., V., T. H. & I. R. W	.....	.....	140	.....
S. L., T. H. & I. R. W	.....	100	20	100
Total tons	6,153	890	170	100
Week previous	3,160	210	800	476
Lead by A. & P. R. W	150	Last week		250
Zinc ore by A. & P. R. W	100	Last week		220
Blooms by A. & P. R. W	10	Last week		30

—*Republican.*

Oswego Market.

OSWEGO, June 30.—Wheat lower; No. 1 Milwaukee $1 38@1 40. Corn dull at 72@74c.

PITTSBURGH OIL TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, WEDNESDAY, July 1, 1874.

After having shown a firmness and advancing tendency for three days previous, accompanied by a rise in prices of 5@10c ₱ barrel, the market yesterday showed weaker symptoms, and dropped back 2½@3c from the quotations of the previous day. This decline does not seem to affect all points alike. At Titusville and Oil City, former prices were maintained, while in this city and Parkers the decline was most marked. Indeed, the telegraphic report of the market at the latter place was compendiously summed up in the word "busted." We expect, however, to see a recovery in a day or two, as the stock of crude is not as large as most people suppose.

CRUDE.

We quote crude 2½@3c lower, with sellers more plenty. United at wells 87½@90c; at river $1 15@1 17½; immediate shipment $1 00. Sales as follows are reported from

PARKERS:

4,700 bbls United, at wells..... $ 92½
2,000 bbls, United, at wells..... 90
1,000 bbls, United, at river..... 1 15
2,000 bbls, United at river..... 1 17½

SMITH'S FERRY OIL.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

Sales at the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad station at $1 00 ₱ bbl; at wells 90c. Market quiet.

REFINED.

The home refined market shows less activity, and prices are a shade off. We still quote however, at 11c for car lots f. o. b. at works.

New York—The market is weak. Refined oil is quoted at 9c gold for last half of July.

Philadelphia—There is a quiet market, with refined at 12c spot, and July.

OIL BARRELS

quiet; city $1 55; country $1 50.

TITUSVILLE, June 29.—The *Courier* says: The market was very quiet. Still there was a firm feeling at all points. Sales:

3,000 bbls, upper road, spot..... $1 20
2,000 bbls, upper road, spot..... 1 22½
4,500 bbls, Parkers, United, at wells..... 92½
2,000 bbls, Parkers, United, at wells..... 90
1,000 bbls, Parkers, United, at river..... 1 15
2,000 bbls, Parkers, United, at river..... 1 17½

New York, June 30, closing.—The market is weak with slow movement. Crude in bulk 5½c; refined offered at 11c prompt, and first half of July; cases 17@17½c; spot sales of 12,000 cases are reported at 17c; naptha 7½c. Philadelphia delivery—Prices are a trifle easier and the market is dull; refined 12¾@12½c.

PETROLEUM CENTER, June 30.—The market is very quiet, with nothing doing and prices unchanged.

OIL CITY, June 30.—The market is quiet but firm at $1 20.

TIDIOUTE, June 30.—The market is firm, but dull at 90c at wells.

ROUSEVILLE, June 30.—The market is quiet but firm, with no sellers at $1 05.

TITUSVILLE, June 30.—The market is unchanged at $1 20@1 22½.

PARKERS, June 30.—The market has declined; sellers quote at 87½c at wells.

PHILADELPHIA, June 30.—The market is quiet; S. W. 15c; crude 5c; cases 17c; sales none; futures, July 12c.

Crude Oil Received by A. V. R. R.

Shipper,	Consignee,	Bbls.
C C Bergin & Co	Loomis & Co	.....
Baum	Empire O W	83
McKeever	Cosmo O W	315
Mckeivey	Vesta O W	315
Duncan	Vesta O W	161
Duncan	Cosmo O W	158
Fisher Bros	Citizens O W	154
Owners	Citizens O W	631
J H Walter	Radiant O W	945
Jennings	Riverside O W	462
Howland	Penn O W	611
Total		4,005

Refined Oil Shipped East by A. V. R. R.

WEST PENN JUNCTION, June 29, 1874.

Shipper,	Consignee,	Bbls.
Central O W	J P Logan, Phila	195
J Spear	J B Tilford & Co, Phila	150
L Irwin	Wharton & Co, Phila	146
Citizens Oil Co	Tack Bros, Phila	200
Vesta O W	Waring Bros, Phila	500
Wormser & Co	J W Loggie, Phila	400
Lockhart & Frew	Warden, F & Co, Phila	304
Standard O W	Warden, F & Co, Phila	305
Livingston, Bros	Warden, F & Co, Phila	145
Total		2,301

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, TUESDAY, June 30, 1874.

REMARKS—The weather is warm and in some degree unsuited to the handling of live stock, particularly the heavy fat class. Still nation of fresh meat eaters that we are, the animals will be slaughtered be the weather cold or warm. Owing to the high rates asked for prime cattle in the West, the tariff of freights, and the high price of fice, fresh beef keeps well up in the figures. Pork, in this market, is dull sale, whilst sheep except, for extra prime 90 to 100 lbs ewes and wethers, and good lambs, are extremely dull sale.

The Outlook

It is thought that the run of stock will fall short of that of last week, and prices may keep up to the present ruling figures, though there are well informed stock dealers who confidently anticipate that lower prices will rule ere the close of the week. In the East the cattle market is represented as dull and closing weak and nominally at a decline of ¼@½c as compared week. The sheep market was also represented as very dull and weak, with a decline of ¼@½c since last week. Choice live hogs, in New York, were in good demand at $5 25@5 50 per 100 lbs. The letter of affairs in the East, coupled with the high rates asked for stock in the West, a dull trade *may* rule here during the week.

Shippers.

The news comes from the Western Grangers that the continued dry weather is literally burning up the grass crop; that the stock of feed is running low; that the prospects for the coming crops are not so favorable as could be wished, with many other gloomy and disheartening predictions. Hence the high price of cattle. One or all of these causes may exist to some extent; but we always hear such lamentations as these just about "harvest time," and feel disposed to take little stock in them.

THE MARKET.

Few Eastern buyers have as yet put in an appearance, and as local dealers appear to be holding off, the market, though branded as dull, is said to be fairly opened yet, nor have prices been established for the week. That they will not be *higher* than those ruling last week is conceded on all hands, and that they will rule lower is the opinion of many dealers.

PRICES.

As intimated above, prices are not yet established, hence we deem it inexpedient to give them from report. In our next we shall be enabled to give sales made and prices paid both by Eastern and local purchasers, which will settle the status of the market.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, June 30, 1874.

FLOUR—Dull and nominal.

GRAIN—Wheat active but irregular; No. 1 spring $1 27; No. 2, $1 17½ spot or seller July; $1 11 seller August; No. 3, $1 09@$1 10; rejected 95c@$1 00. Corn dull and lower; No. 2 mixed 57½@58c cash; 56½@56¾c seller July; 59½c August. Oats dull and lower; No. 2 mixed 44c in moderate demand; No. 2, 44½c cash; 41¾c seller July; 39c seller August; rejected 41½c. Rye quiet at 87½@88c. Barley nominal. Malt dull. Corn heavy and lower; Western mixed 70@78c; yellow 78@79c; white 80@82c. Oats heavy and lower; mixed Western 58@62; white 60@65c. Hay heavy at $1 05@1 10. Hops steady. Coffee firm. Sugar firm at 7¾@8 1-16c. Molasses and rice unchanged. Petroleum heavy and dull; crude 9½@9¾c; refined 12½@12¾c. Turpentine 36c. Pork lower at $18 25. Beef quiet. Cut meats quiet; rib bellies 9c@9½c. Middles dull; short clear 10½c; long clear 10¾c. Lard firmer at 11.5-16c. Butter steady at 14@22c. Cheese unchanged. Whisky steady at 90c.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, June 30.—Flour dull at $5 75@6 00. Wheat dull at $1 30@1 35. Corn dull at 67@65c. Oats dull at 47@50c. Rye dull and nominal at 95c. Barley dull and nominal. Cotton dull and prices declined to 16¾c. Pork.—Demand active and prices advanced $1 to $1 25. Lard quiet and firmer; summer 10½@10¾c; kettle 11¾c. Bulk meats quiet; shoulders 6½@6¾c; latter asked; clear rib sides 9¾@10c; clear 9¾@10c. Bacon in demand fair and market firm at 7¾@8¾@10@10½c. Whisky steady and in moderate demand at 94c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, June 30.—Business was moderate with commission houses, but jobbing transactions were quiet. The market for cotton goods was fairly active and firm for nearly all staple makes; Atlantic A's were withdrawn and advanced ½c by agents; Lonsdale, Blackstone and Hope shirtings closed out at a slight recession, but agents' asking rates are unchanged. Heavy cassimeres, worsted coatings, beavers and repellents more active.

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, June 30.—Flour very dull; superfine $3 50@4 16. Wheat quiet and declined $1 40 amber $1 47. Rye $1 00. Corn declining, at 58@58c. Oats advancing; 60@60c. Butter and eggs unchanged. Cheese steady; prime Western reserve 13@13½c. Petroleum easier; refined 12¾@12½c; crude 8¾@8¾c. Whisky 90c.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, June 30.—Flour in fair demand; Howard street and Western superfine $4 10@5 00. Wheat quiet and unchanged. Corn weaker at 70@75c. Oats firm at 58@59c. Rye quiet at 99@99c. Provisions dull and unchanged. Butter firm and unchanged. Coffee strong at 20¾@22½c. Whisky steady at 92c.

Nashville Market.

NASHVILLE, June 30.—Cotton dull at 14½@15¾c. Flour dull at $5 00@5 10. Wheat dull at $1 10@1 15. Corn steady at 80@85c. Oats 60@65c. Provisions steady. Lard 12c. Bulk shoulders 7½c; sides 10½@10¾c. Bacon—shoulders 8½c; sides 10½@11c. Whisky—demand fair and market firm at 92c.

Milwaukee Market.

MILWAUKEE, June 30.—Cotton dull at 14½c. Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat—demand fair and market firm; No. 1 Milwaukee $1 23½; No. 2, $1 20¾. Oats irregular; No. 2 45c. Corn lower; No. 2 mixed 60¾c. Rye quiet. No. 1, 86½c. Barley—demand fair and market firm; No. 3, 85c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, June 30.—Flour dull but unchanged. Wheat dull but declined; No. 1 white Michigan $1 48; amber seller July, $1 24½; seller August $1 19. Corn dull; high mixed, 65½c; low mixed 64½c; seller August 66c. Oats dull and nominal; No. 2 52½c.

Louisville Market.

LOUISVILLE, June 30.—Cotton quiet at 15¾c. Flour, bran and meal quiet and unchanged. Wheat active at $1 05@1 15. Rye dull at $1 05. Provisions quiet and unchanged in every respect. Whisky steady at 94c.

Memphis Market.

MEMPHIS, June 30.—Cotton dull; middling 16½@16¾c. Flour dull but unchanged. Corn active at 78c. Oats dull and nominal. Lard firm at 12@12½c. Bacon active at 7¾@10½@10½c.

Cleveland Market.

CLEVELAND, June 29.—Wheat and oats quiet and unchanged. Corn dull at 70@71c. Petroleum firm; standard white, in car lots, 12½c; Ohio state test to 150 deg. 10½c.

New York Finance and Trade.

Gold Closed at 111.

NEW YORK, June 30, 1874.

MONEY.

Money 3@4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5½@6½ per cent.

STERLING.

Sterling firm, with business at 488 for 60 days', and 490½ for sight.

GOLD

opened at 111¾, advanced to 111¾, and closed at 111, the lowest point of the day. Borrowing 1@3 per cent. to flat, and finally 1-64 per cent. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $30,000. Clearings $22,000,000. Exports $110,000. Exports of produce for the week $7,191,644, an increase over last week of $701,966. Customs receipts $344,000.

GOVERNMENTS.

Government bonds steady, closing as follows:

U. S. coupons, 1881	112½	5-20s, 1867	112½
5-20s, 1862	111½	5-20s, 1868	112½
5-20s, 1864	110½	10-40s	110½
5-20s, 1865	111¾	New 5s	114
5-20s, 1865, new	113⅝	Currency 6s	115½

STATE BONDS.

State bonds dull, closing as follows:

Missouri 6s	97	Virginia, old	30½
Tennessee, old	51	North Carolina, old	18
Tennessee, new	51	N'th Carolina, new	12½
Virginia, new	32		

THE STOCK MARKET,

with the single exception of Erie, was weak at the commencement of business, with a strong disposition to sell at the decline, which ranged from ¼ to 1¼ per cent., with Western Union, Lake Shore and Wabash as the features. About midday there was a slight recovery, followed by a further decline. During the last hour of business the market was firm and prices recovered ¼@¾ per cent. in the entire list, leaving off active and strong. The advance was most marked in Western Union, Northwestern, Lake Shore, Wabash, Rock Island, Ohios and Union Pacific. Among the sales to-day were 29,000 shares Western Union, 9,500 Pacific Mail, 34,000, Erie, 27,000 Lake Shore, 22,000 Union Pacific, 9,000 Northwestern, 9,000 Rock Island, 18,000 St. Paul, and 17,000 Wabash. The market closed as follows:

Canton	54¾	Do preferred	58½
W. U. Telegraph	79	Wabash	38⅝
Quicksilver	34	Do preferred	59
Adams Express	107	Ft. Wayne	93¾
Wells, Fargo & Co	80	Terre Haute	7
American Ex	60¾	Do preferred	22
U. S. Express	70¾	Chicago & Alton	103½
Pacific Mail	44¼	Do preferred	106
N. Y. Central	100¾	Ohio & Mississippi	26⅝
Erie	35⅝	Clev. Col. & Cin	75
Do preferred	48	Burlington & Q	107¼
Harlem	123¼	Lake Shore	75⅝
Do preferred	125	Panama	19
Michigan Central	92	Illinois Central	95¾
P. Ft. W. & C	87¼	Union Pacific	28
Northwestern	49¾	Central Pacific	93
Do preferred	69¾	Union	87¾
Rock Island	101¾	Hartford & Erie	.....
New Jersey Central	89¾	Hannibal & St. Jo	10½
St. Paul	38⅝	Bankers' bills	488¼

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS.

DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK.

China	July 4	Liverpool.	
Celtic	July 4	Liverpool.	
Oceanic	July 4	Liverpool.	
Europa	July 4	Glasgow.	
City of Paris	July 4	Liverpool.	
America	July 4	Bremen.	
Egypt	July 4	Liverpool.	
Calabria	July 8	Liverpool.	
State of Virginia	July 8	Liverpool.	
Castalia	July 9	Glasgow.	
Rotterdam	July 9	Rotterdam.	
England	July 11	Liverpool.	
Britannic	July 11	Liverpool.	
Anglia	July 11	Liverpool.	
Washington	July 11	Liverpool.	
City of Montreal	July 11	Liverpool.	
Idaho	July 14	Liverpool.	
Tripoli	July 14	Hamburg.	
Goethe	July 14	Hamburg.	
Scotia	July 16	Glasgow.	
Trinacria	July 16	Glasgow.	
Silesia	July 18	Hamburg.	
Republic	July 18	Liverpool.	
Great Western	July 18	Liverpool.	
Arizona	July 18	Liverpool.	
Celtic	July 18	Liverpool.	
City of Brussels	July 18	Liverpool.	
Wisconsin	July 18	Liverpool.	
Cuba	July 22	Liverpool.	
State of Georgia	July 22	Liverpool.	
Hammonia	July 22	Liverpool.	
P. Caland	July 23	Rotterdam.	
The Queen	July 25	Liverpool.	
Adriatic	July 25	Liverpool.	
Ville de Paris	July 25	France.	
City of Chester	July 25	Liverpool.	
Colena	July 25	Antwerp.	
Minnesota	July 28	Liverpool.	
Abyssinia	July 29	Liverpool.	
State of Indiana	July 29	Liverpool.	
Frisia	July 30	Hamburg.	

FROM PHILADELPHIA.

Pennsylvania	July 1	Liverpool.
Illinois	July

CITY MATTERS.

Louisiana Relief Fund.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following in aid of the sufferers by the late Mississippi floods:

A lady	$ 5 00
Mrs. Hawkes	10 00
First English Lutheran church, Rev. S. Lahr, pastor	101 20
Jos. Shaner	5 00
Cash	10 00
German Evangelical Lutheran Church, Smithfield street	26 60

The Regatta at Oil City.

The Oil City *Register* says: News was received from Pittsburgh yesterday that the Clipper crew of that city wished to enter in the regatta at Oil City on the Fourth. This increases the number of four-oared boats that have entered to four, and increases the promise of an excellent race.

Painful Accident.

An old lady named Mrs. Elizabeth Cassidy, living on Jane street, near Eighteenth, on the South Side, was very seriously injured on Monday afternoon, by falling down the stairs in her house. She was taken up insensible and Dr. Hulings summoned. It was ascertained that her right hip was dislocated, and her recovery is considered doubtful.

A Fatal Fall.

A fatal accident occurred about two o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, in the borough of Braddock's Fields. Joseph Cavanaugh, while engaged in putting on the roof of the building, slipped and fell. In the fall he struck one of the lower platforms of the scaffolding. The fall to the ground was a distance of forty feet, and when the unfortunate man was reached by parties near, it was found that his neck was broken.

The Coroner held an inquest in the afternoon, and a verdict of accidental death was rendered. Deceased was in the employ of Riter & Connelly, roofers.

The Howard Statement.

Mr. Joseph L. Lowry, the mechanical engineer of the water works, whose management of affairs is so severely criticised and condemned by Mr. C. Howard, in his communication to Councils, authorizes us to say that the statement, as a whole, is a tissue of misrepresentations and falsehoods, and that he will give the allegations his attentionat his earliest convenience. He further states that Mr. Howard has not even had the decency to know about the water works business, "by a jug (reservoir?) full," and that it might be wise for him to remember the adage: "Sweep before your own door," etc.

Military Picnic.

Company "D," Fourteenth Regiment N. G. Pa., will encamp at Shirl's Grove, Washington, Pa., on Wednesday, July 1st, remaining in camp until the 8th.

On the 4th of July they will have a grand military picnic, on which occasion they will be accompanied by the Washington Guards. In the morning both companies will march through the principal streets, and on returning to camp fire a salute in honor of the day. This will be followed by dancing and a good time generally.

There will also be an exhibition, forenoon and afternoon, of the celebrated Hampton Lightning Zouave Drill, executed by Sergeants Smith & Keep.

"Bull" White's Peculiarity.

"Bull" White has been again in a state of activity. This time it was at East Liberty. He got into an altercation with Robert Bell there on Monday evening, the cause of the trouble being a difference of opinion about a valuable dog, belonging to Bell. In the course of the dispute, White drew a knife and struck Bell with it, inflicting a severe wound in the leg. He then fled, but was arrested near the Point Breeze Hotel, and taken to the station house, where he now remains awaiting a hearing on a charge of felonious assault and battery preferred by one of the policemen.

Our Markets.

The Superintendent of Markets reports expenditures in that department for June, as follows:

Diamond Market	$580 00
Ninth Ward Market	50 00
Fifth Avenue Market	80 00
South Side Market	15 30
RECEIPTS FOR MAY.	
Diamond Market	$1,891 20
City Hall	709 00
Fifth Avenue Market	183 00
South Side Market	140 58
Ninth Ward Market	132 80
Total	$3,147 75

Matrimonial.

We acknowledge the receipt of a card of Mr. John C. Moyer, who was married to Miss Clara A. Haas in St. Stephen's Episcopal church, Harrisburg, Pa., yesterday (Tuesday) morning, June 30th, at 9:30 o'clock. We had always thought that our friend Johnnie was "all over"—a confirmed bachelor—but now that he has instituted the "new matrimonial," he and his fair bride have our sincere wishes for their future prosperity. May no adverse winds disturb their prospects of wedded happiness. May genial sunshine and true friends ever illume their pathway, attended with joy, health, and a long life of continued bliss.

School Teachers Elected.

The School Board of the Oakland subdistrict, Fourteenth ward, have elected the following teachers:

Bellefield building—Principal, Mr. R. F. Wilson; Grammar department, Miss Anna M. Jack; Intermediate department, Miss H. M. Matthews, Miss H. L. Anderson; Primary department, Miss Belle Hunter, Miss Annie Ross, Miss Emma L. Gray.

Soho building—Principal, Mr. J. P. Andrews; Grammar department, Miss Maria G. Louden, Miss Sadie J. Yon. Intermediate department, Miss Ella Cunningham, Miss Minnie B. Harvey, Miss Annie M. Moore; Primary department, Miss C. A. McClaren, Miss C. J. Randolph, Miss Annie F. Mayo, Miss Jennie Trout, Miss Annie E. Conrad, Miss Mary J. Polley.

Death of Mr. John H. Smith

The friends of this well known and worthy citizen, member of the firm of Messrs. Scobie, Reed & Smith, will sincerely regret to hear of his death, which occurred on Monday last, at Denver city, Colorado. For two years past Mr. Smith has been endeavoring to improve his health by climatic influences, and has been in Southern California, Colorado, and other localities. Recently he let it be known about the water works business, "by a jug (reservoir?) full," and that it might be wise for him to remember the adage: "Sweep before your own door," etc.

Military Picnic.

The Committee on Wooden Buildings, in Allegheny, met last evening and agreed to report favorably on three petitions and adversely on that of De Haven & Son. With regard to the ordinance referred to them relative to fixing the fee for wooden building petitions, it was decided to recommend a fee of $15. An ordinance to prevent the erection of iron-clads was recommended.

The Park Committee met and agreed to report favorably on the ordinance referred to them by Councils relative to the purchase of Seminary Hill. The committee decided to report adversely upon the proposition to appropriate $1,000 for music in the parks.

The City Property Committee met and passed upon several bills that had been presented. The bills for linoleum and for the printing of signs were both passed, the amount reduced. A sub-committee was appointed to purchase carpets, with instructions that the price per yard should not exceed $1.75. The Controller was authorized to advertise for proposals for putting steam heating apparatus in City Hall.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Dan Rice's Circus.

The coming of Dan Rice and his old fashioned circus—old fashioned as to being good in all its departments—will be one of the leading events of this week. The first entertainment will be given on Friday afternoon, on the Robinson lot, at the Allegheny end of the Suspension bridge. Mr. Rice is one of the most experienced managers in the country, and all rely on seeing something good when he pitches his tents.

The Fourth at Union Park.

Col. John M. Kinney is still pushing ahead with his preparations for the grand Fourth of July jubilee at Union Park, Allegheny. Everything will be in good trim, and a monster affair may be expected.

The Turf.

Admirers of fast horses should not forget the fact that the races at Monongahela City, under the auspices of the Monongahela Park Association, will take place on Friday and Saturday next. The means of going to and coming from the races are such as to meet the wants of all.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

U. S. District Court—Judge McCandless.

E. H. Boynton, Jr., creditor, vs. David Swift & Co., Crawford county. Petition for the dismissal of proceedings in bankruptcy presented and order made directing the said debtors to file in this court a full list of their creditors, with their places of residence and the amount due them respectively. This is the first proceeding of the kind under the recent amendment to the bankrupt act, which requires one-fourth of the creditors, representing one-third of the total amount of debts, to consent before proceedings in bankruptcy can be commenced or the debtor adjudged a bankrupt.

John H. Nichaus, bankrupt, Allegheny. Petition of Arbuthnot and Shannon, petitioning creditors, was presented for an order on the assignee for the payment of the amount advanced for the security of costs and for compensation for the Solicitor, and the same referred to Register Shaffer for examination and report.

James McGovern vs. steam tug Tom Reese, in Admiralty, H. H. Phillips was allowed to intervene. D. F. Patterson, Esq., of No. 68 Grant street, appointed Commissioner to examine and audit the claims filed and to make distribution of the money in the registry of the Court.

Bailly & Dawson, creditors, vs. Bollins, Pool & Co., debtors, Crawford county. Hearing on motion for injunction adjourned until 24 proxo.

On motion of Col. A. Blakeley, Thos. J. McKean, Esq., of Franklin, Pa., was admitted to practice at this court.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Stowe.

Wm. H. Cluley plead guilty to fraudulently making and uttering a written instrument. He was remanded for sentence.

Elizabeth Rudolph, indicted for assault and battery on oath of Frederick Audill was found not guilty.

The same defendant indicted with Philip Rudolph, on oath of the same prosecutor, for assault and battery. Verdict not guilty.

Caroline Andre, indicted for assault and battery, on oath of Elizabeth Rudolf, was found not guilty.

James Hand, Michael Ford and "chippy" Long were tried for burglary and entering a building with intent to commit a felony. Haney and Long were found guilty, and a verdict of not guilty was returned as to Ford.

John McCullough, David McCullough, David Norris and Walter McRoberts are on trial, charged with disorderly conduct in having interrupted the proceedings of a literary society, in West Deer township, while that organization was discussing the question of compulsory education.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Commonwealth vs. Jacob Ulrich, Wm. Butler, Peter Frederick, Owen Reed, Charles Walker, *et al.*, James Dunn, David Goggins, Peter Ramsey, Neil Shoudin, Lorens A. Ward, et al., Michael Burke, (2), George W. Parker, Adam Young, George Exler, Mike Magill, John Ewing, John Rucker, James Thompson, Richard Stevenson, Pat Monahan, Rebecca Miller, Ancrew Moss, Harvey Johnston, James Sands.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD.

Influential Meeting of Creditors

Important Report from the Committee of Conference with the Pennsylvania Railroad.

A Firm Demand for Justice, Failing Which Resort to the Courts—An Executive Committee Appointed to Act In Behalf of the Creditors and Report to a Future Meeting.

Pursuant to announcement a meeting of creditors of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company was held yesterday afternoon at Lafayette Hall. At the hour announced for the meeting quite a crowd had collected and arrivals continued for an hour thereafter. Among those in attendance were many of the solid men of Pittsburgh and vicinity, including bankers, merchants, contractors, lawyers and others. There were altogether about three hundred persons present and all seemed deeply interested in the proceedings.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. Jas. L. Graham, who stated that the first business was to receive the report of the committee previously appointed. In response to the call of Mr. Graham, Andrew J. Bennett, Esq., arose and said, "the committee beg leave to present the following report:

To the Creditors of the Allegheny Valley Railroad.

Pursuant to your direction at the meeting on the 16th inst, your committee proceeded to Philadelphia to confer with the officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad on the subject committed to us. At our final interview with the officers of that company, the President submitted the following propositions to us, as representing the creditors of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company:

Memorandum, as Discussed with Committee of Allegheny Valley Railroad Creditors, June 23d and 24th, 1874.

1. "That the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company make an income bond, entitled to seven per cent. interest per annum, the amount of which shall be limited to $6,500,000, to be devoted solely to the purpose of funding its floating debt at par, so far as the same may be required to effect that object.

This bond to be secured by a trust deed, covering all the revenue of the company, over and above that required to meet the ordinary expenses, and maintain and operate the property and pay the interest on the existing bonded debt of the company, all surplus earnings to be applied, first, to the payment of the interest on these bonds; second, to a sinking fund for the purpose of redeeming them at par by advertisement on the part of the trustees of said fund.

2. The bonds so issued, to be used at par, in payment of the floating debt out of which $3,500,000 shall be used, to pay the floating debt of all creditors, except that of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and the debt to the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company, with the view of getting the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to agree to place on these $3,500,000 of bonds a traffic contract or agreement, to receive said bonds in payment of ten per cent. of all freights made in its line to and from the Allegheny Valley Railroad at the par value of the bond, and further, a like agreement shall be made for the traffic (freight) over the Philadelphia and Erie road from the Bennett's Branch Junction, and also over the Northern Central for the traffic to and from Harrisburg. The trustee for this income bond shall be the Safe Deposit Company of Pittsburgh. This to go into effect as soon as the creditors agree to fund their claims under the terms of this memorandum, for which purpose they shall be deposited with the Safe Deposit Company of Pittsburgh"

THE COMMITTEE DECLINES THE PROPOSITION.

These propositions entirely failed to meet the views of your committee as fair and equitable for the following reasons:

The Allegheny Valley Railroad is, and for more than a year past has been, substantially under the control and direction of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who own a majority of its stock and at pleasure elect its directors and dictates its line of action. The Bennett's Branch or Low Grade Railroad was built under the direction and supervision of engineers chosen by the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the money derived from the sale of the mortgage bonds on this line was paid out upon the certificate of their engineer, a draft or check on the Pennsylvania Railroad, the late President of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, receiving the directions in the premises, from the same source. The mortgage bonds of the Bennett's Branch line were negotiated by or through the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which guaranteed the payment of the principal and interest thereof. The office of the Engineers of the Bennett's Branch Railroad was kept in Philadelphia, under the immediate eye of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and the late President of that company made personal use of experience in his annual report to the special stockholders' meeting of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company would have over all competing lines in transportation by reason of the low grades of Lewis' gap, and the road from the seaboard. So emphatic were these declarations that the public could not but regard the Allegheny Valley Road as substantially a part of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and on this account credit was readily given to the Allegheny Valley Railroad in the markets for both materials and money.

After the failure of Jay Cooke & Co., of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, as your committee are informed, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company offered the position of President to John Scott, Esq., who agreed to assume it if the Pennsylvania Railroad Company would sustain him in everything that might be necessary to the successful administration of the road. Such assurances having been given, Mr. Scott accepted the office, and soon after entering upon its duties he found that the affairs of the road were embarrassed beyond his anticipation. The first suggestion made to him by the officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad, seems to have been to stop the payment of the commutation passes which had been, and did, thereby throwing upon the public a heavy burden, and entailing embarrassment or ruin upon many of our own citizens and others in different parts of the State.

The foregoing, and other considerations your Committee deem it proper that the Pennsylvania Railroad officers, as reasons why they should in once make arrangements to liquidate the debt of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, and relieve the creditors. Their reply was that they were legally free from all loss, and suffering it with others. Your Committee rejoined that the enterprise was substantially their own, and that in a direction was in their own hands.

THE DEBT STATEMENT.

In President John Scott's report to you, on the 16th inst., a total indebtedness of the Allegheny Valley Railroad was set down, after deducting all available assets, at $6,538,864 45.

Amongst the liabilities is a contract for the purchase of 41,000 shares of Oil Creek stock at $67 50 per share, and interest on same to the amount of $61,500. Deducting these items, which are in no way be chargeable as debts, the floating debt would stand at $4,766,364 45. of this amount there is due to the Pennsylvania Railroad $1,500,000, exceptive of the debt due the Pennsylvania Railroad, $3,451,405 34. Your committee take all the items of debt as stated, and further, as the agreement shall be made for the traffic (freight) over the Philadelphia and Erie road from the Bennett